

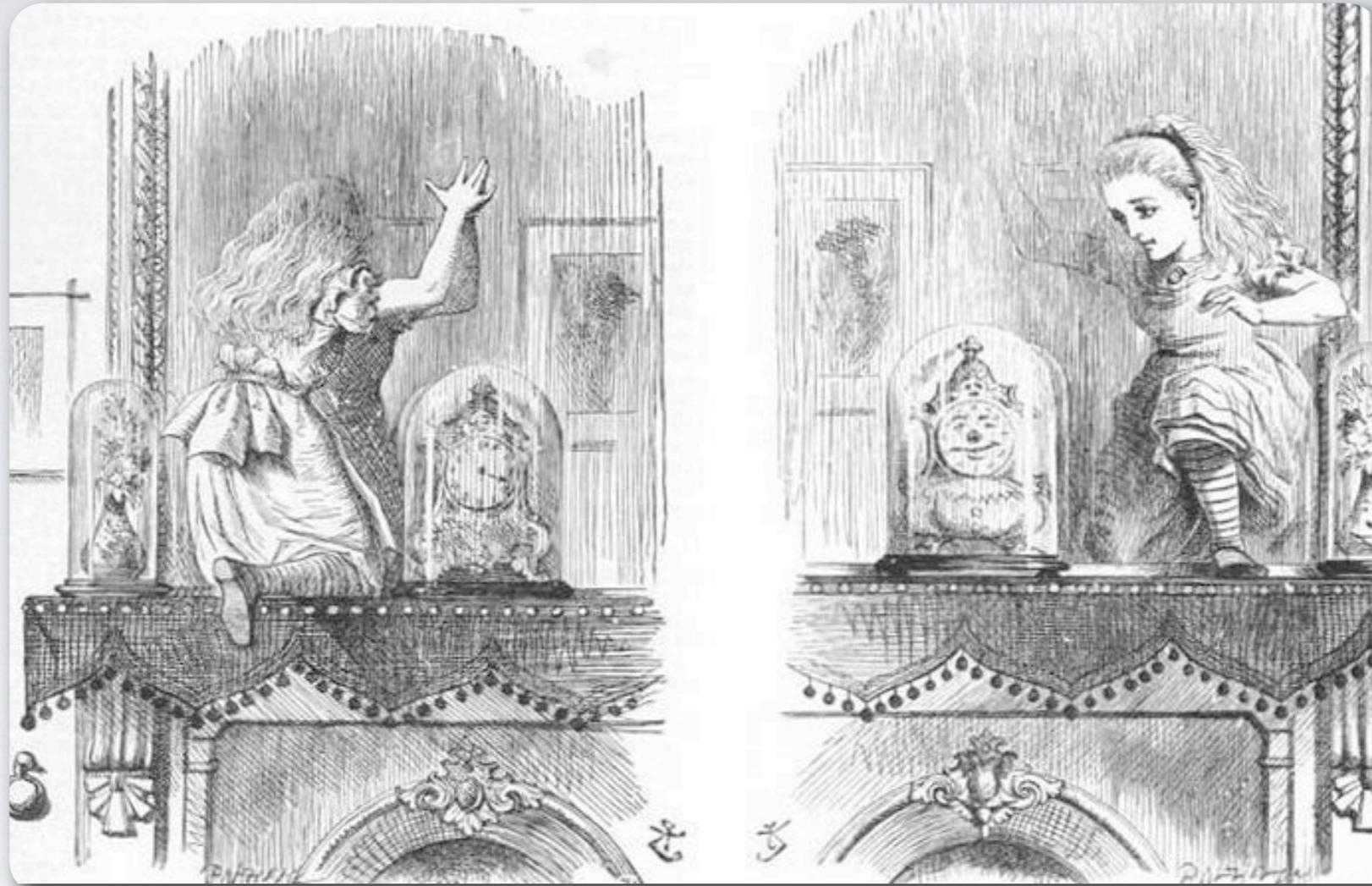
Ettore Majorana through the Looking-glass

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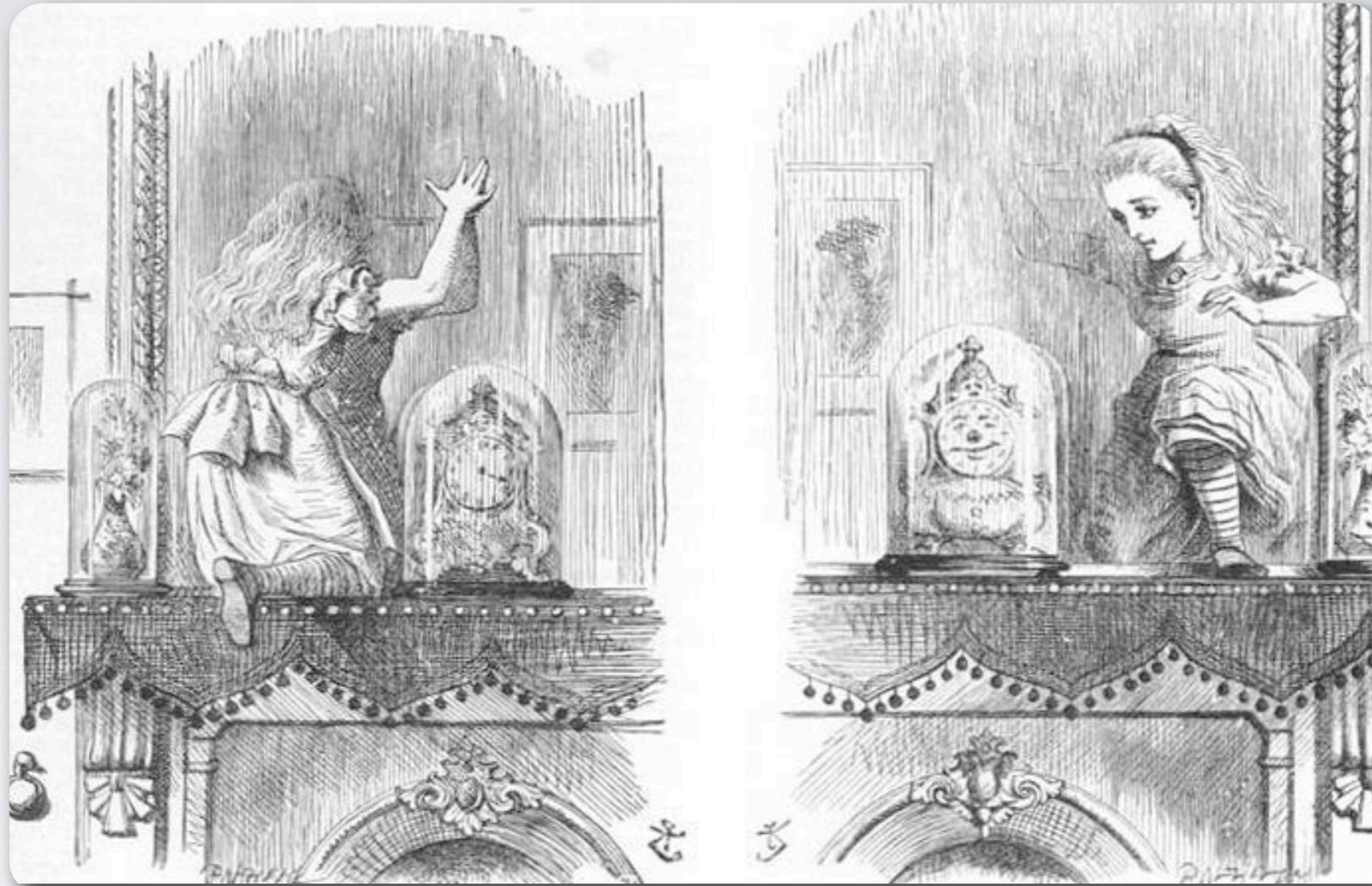
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Lewis Carroll: The world at the other side of the mirror is not just a dead reflection of ours but has rules of its own.

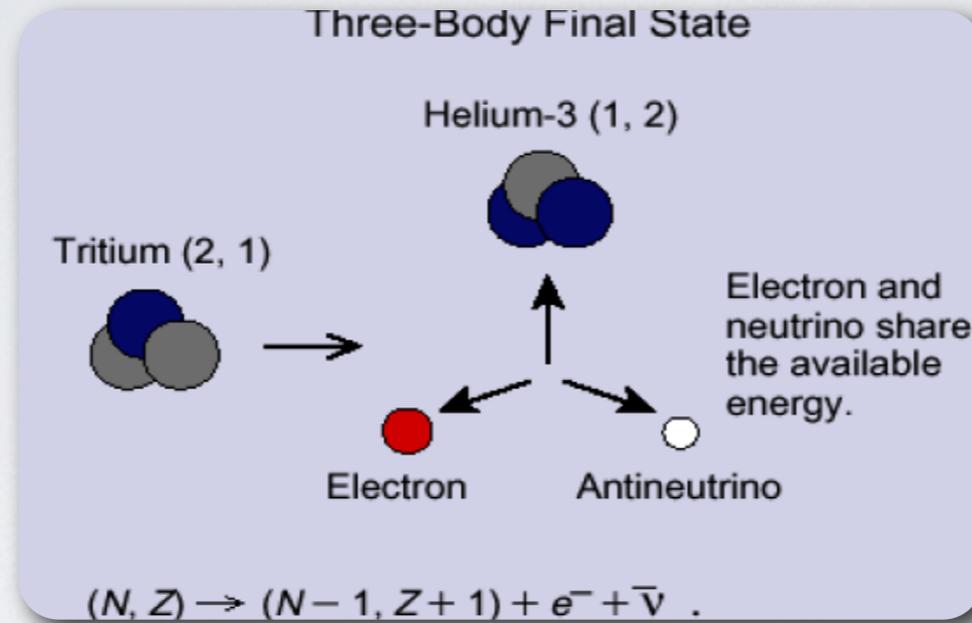
WILL TALK ABOUT...

- Neutrinos, electrons, Majorana, and the mystery of the missing antimatter
- Are neutrinos Majorana particles? How to find out
- Experimental challenges
- A selection of experiments
- Ettore Majorana through the looking glass

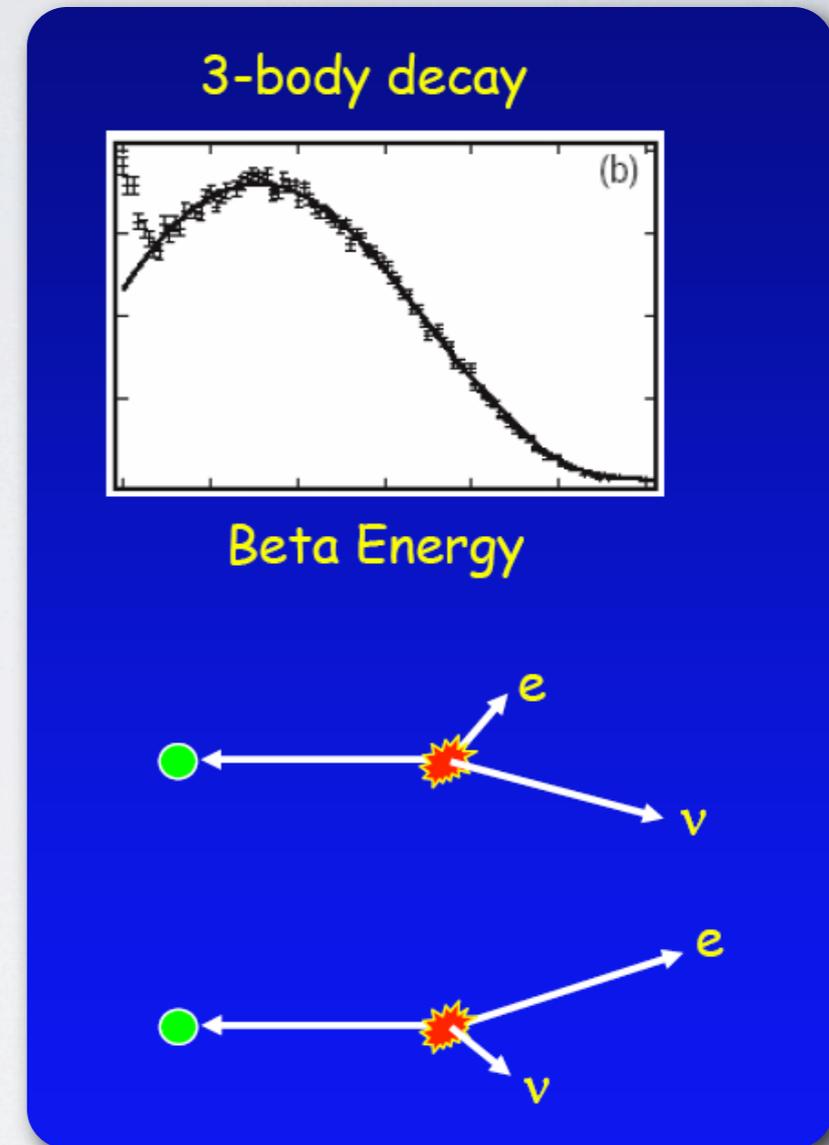
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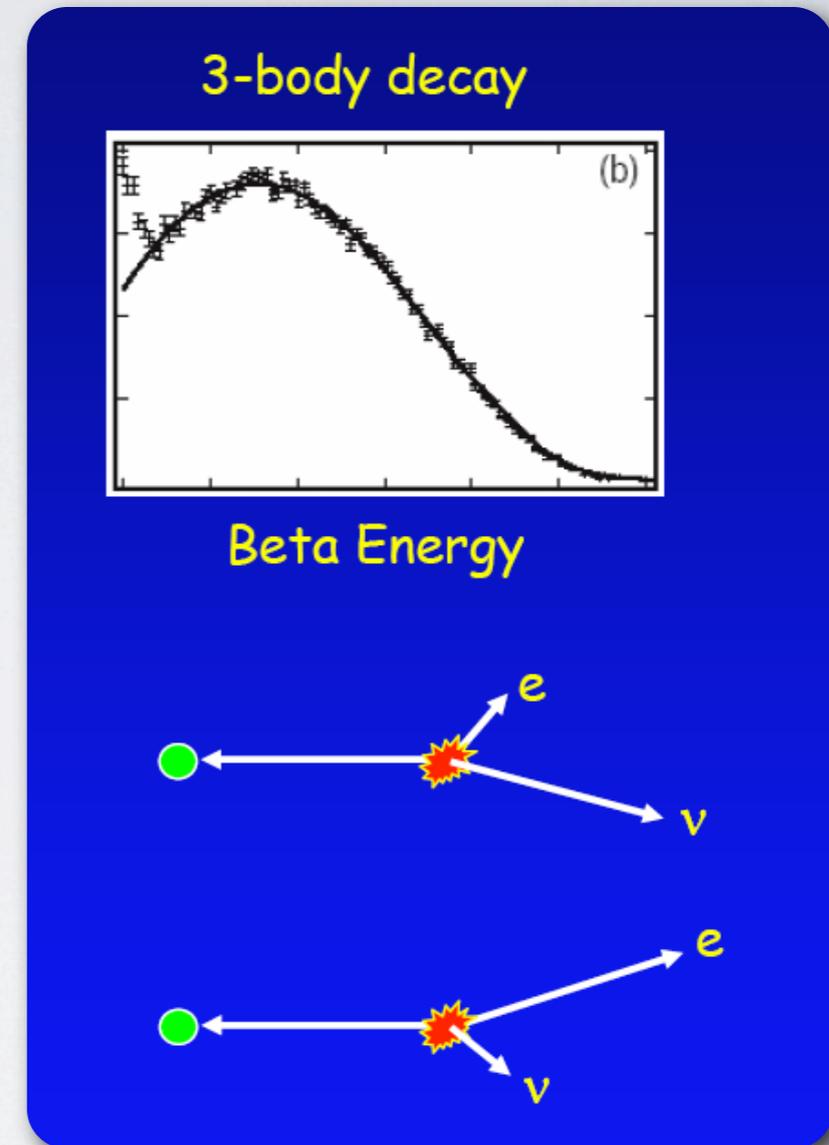
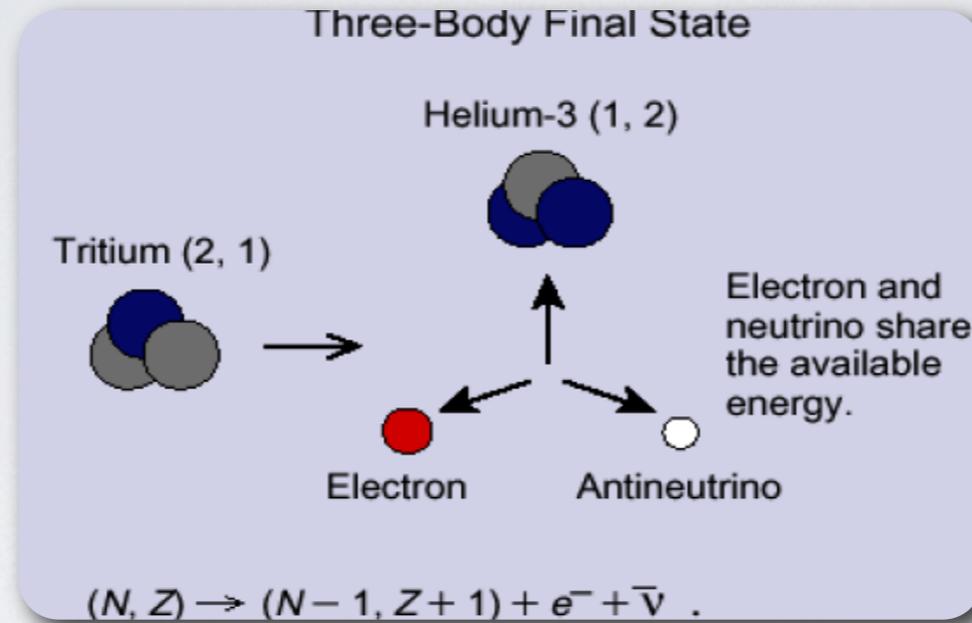
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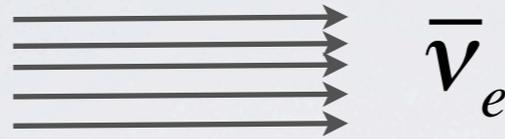
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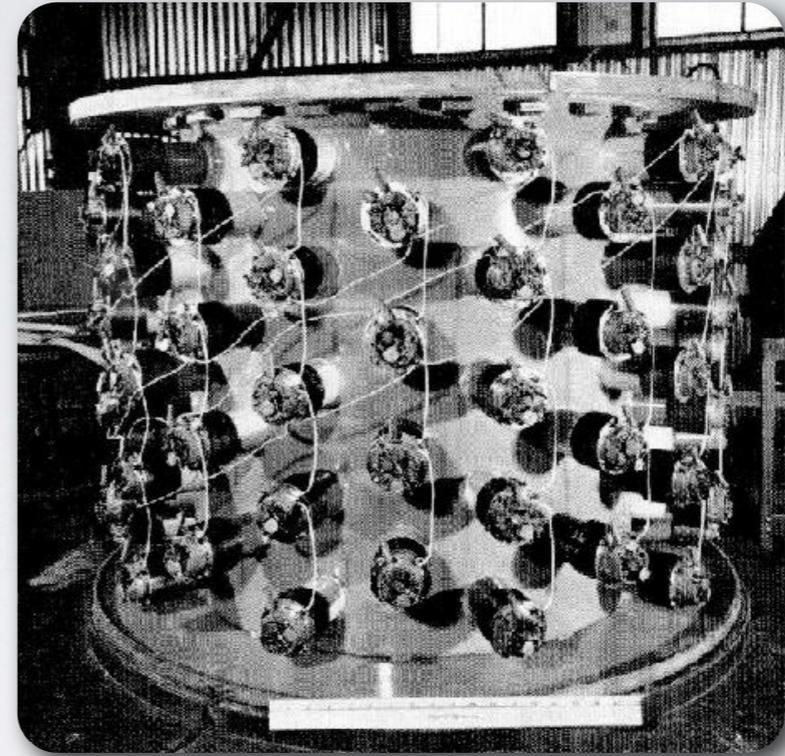
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I have done a terrible thing.
Proposing a particle that cannot be detected. This is something that no theorist should ever do

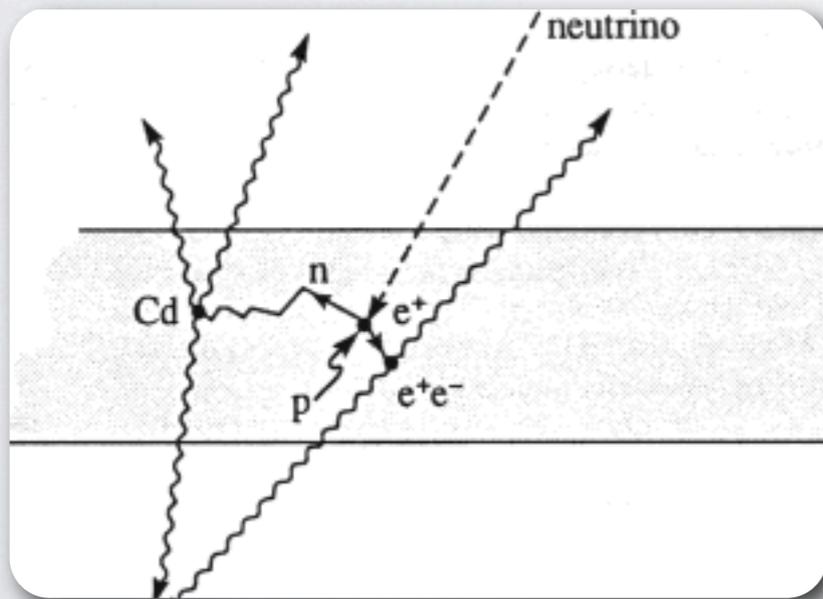
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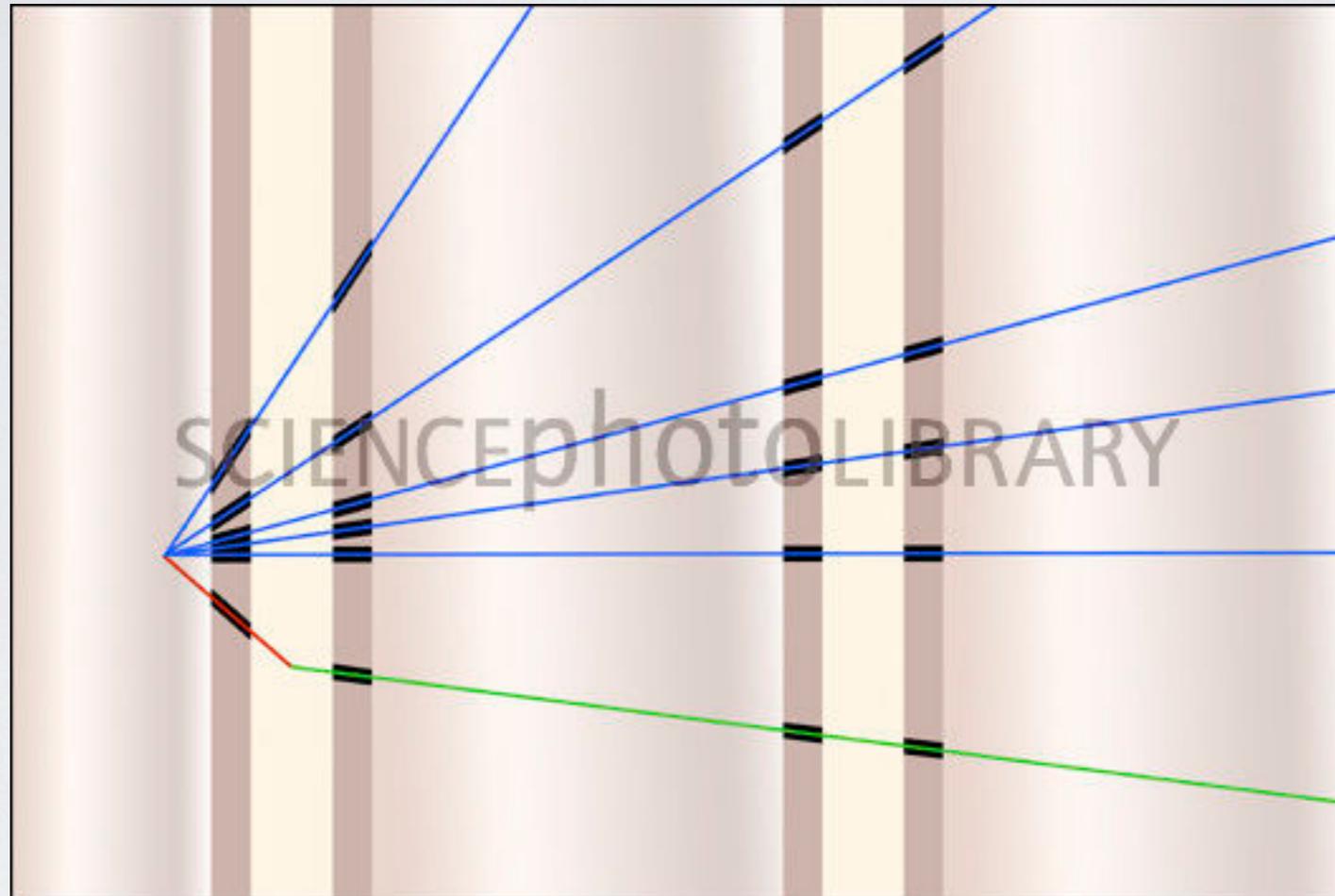
$\bar{\nu}_e$



**First neutrino
Observed by Reines
& Cowan, 1953**



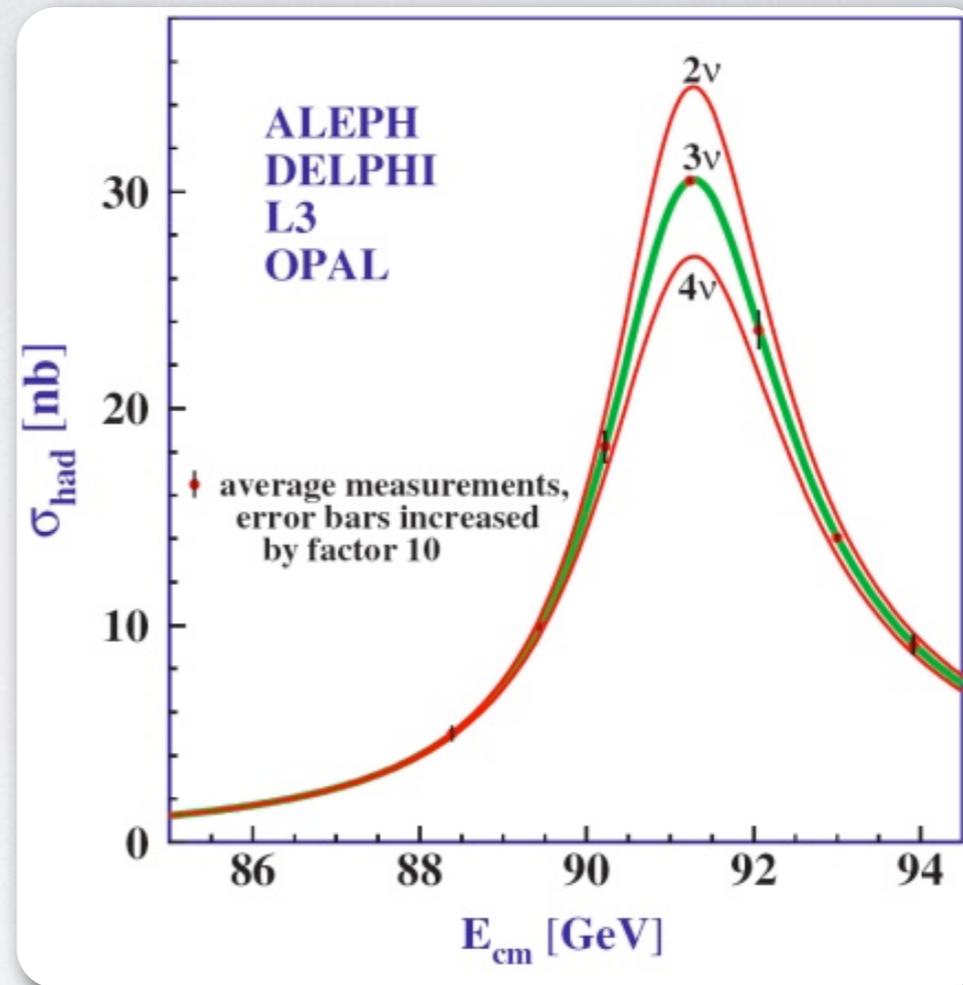
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**Last neutrino Observed by
Donut experiment @ FNAL
(2000)**

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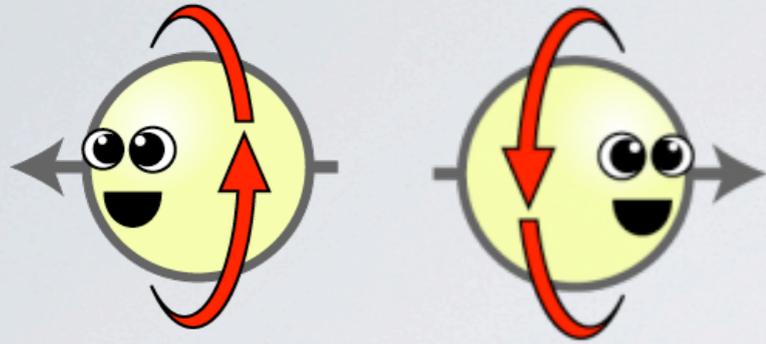
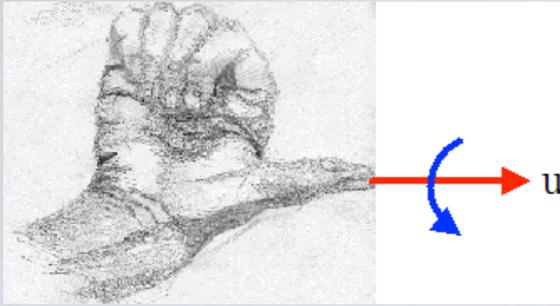
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Three copies found by Mark-II and LEP experiments

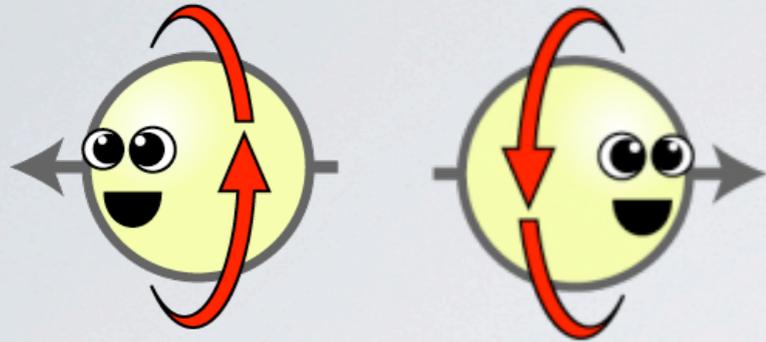
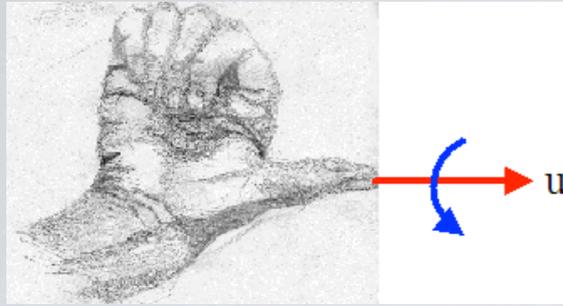
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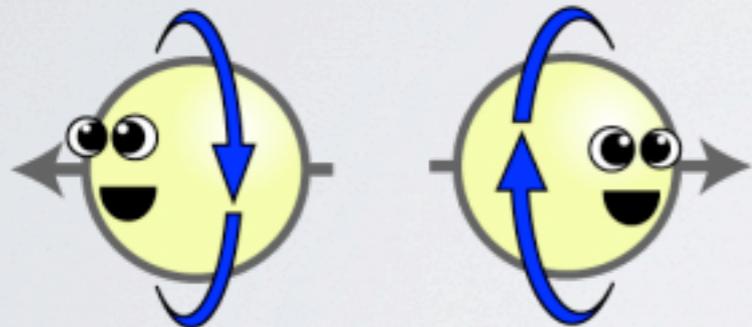


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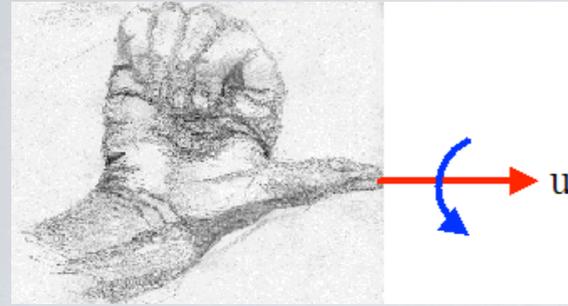
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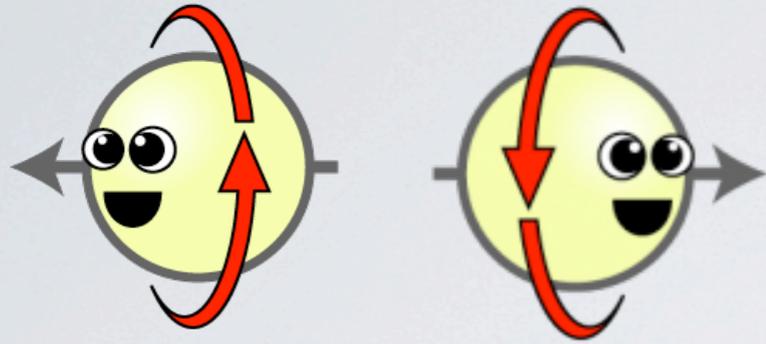
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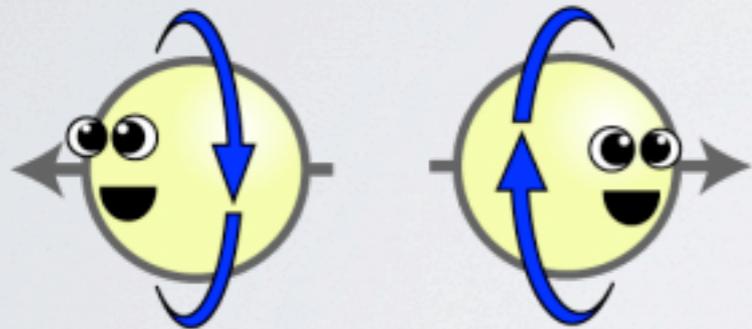
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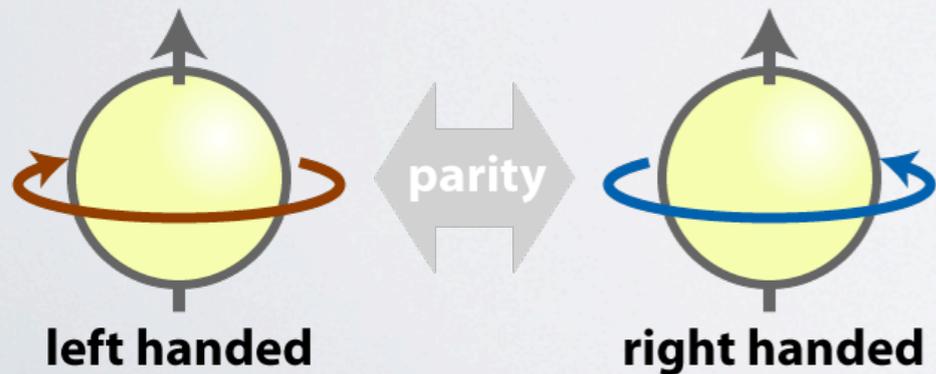
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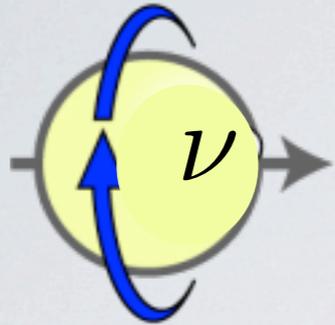
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A parity operation (a mirror) transforms a left handed particle into a right handed particle.

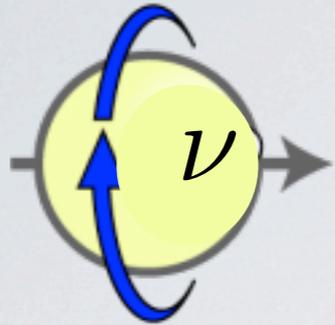
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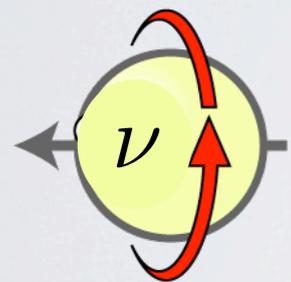
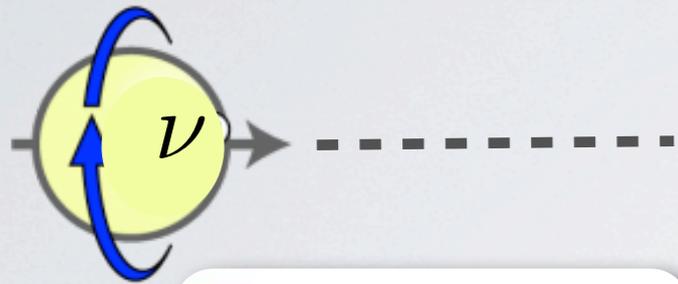


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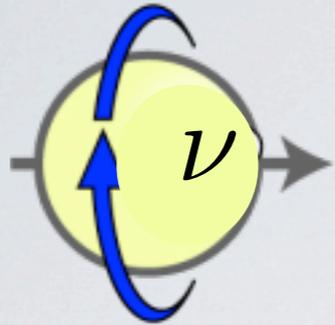


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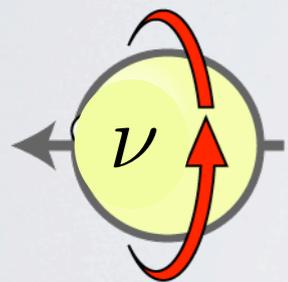
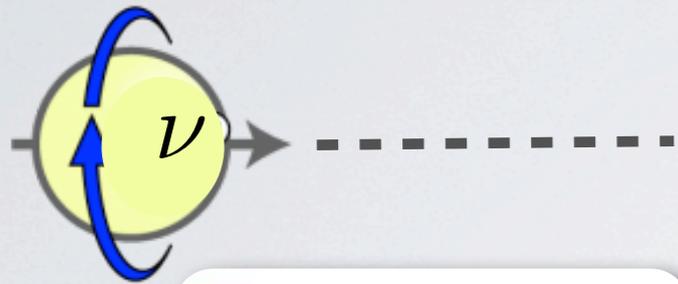


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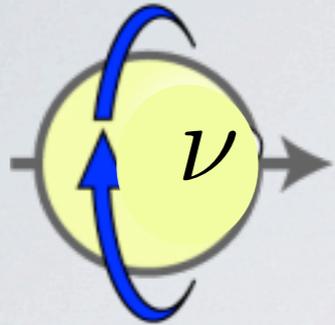
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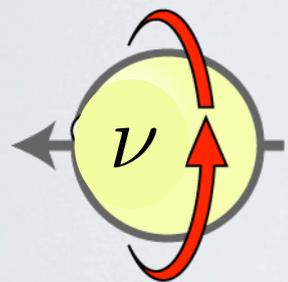
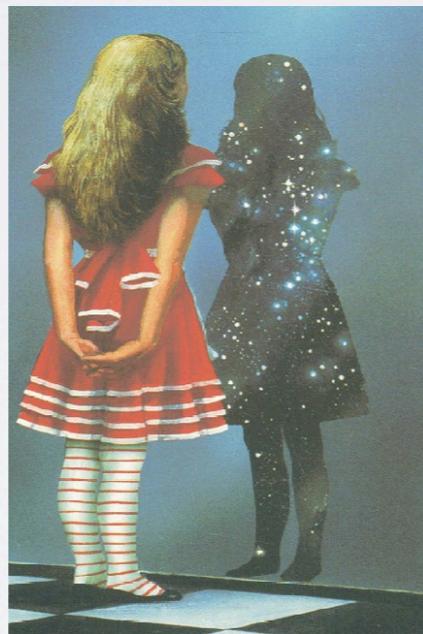
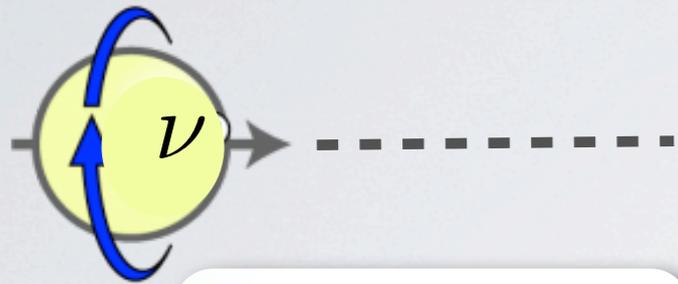
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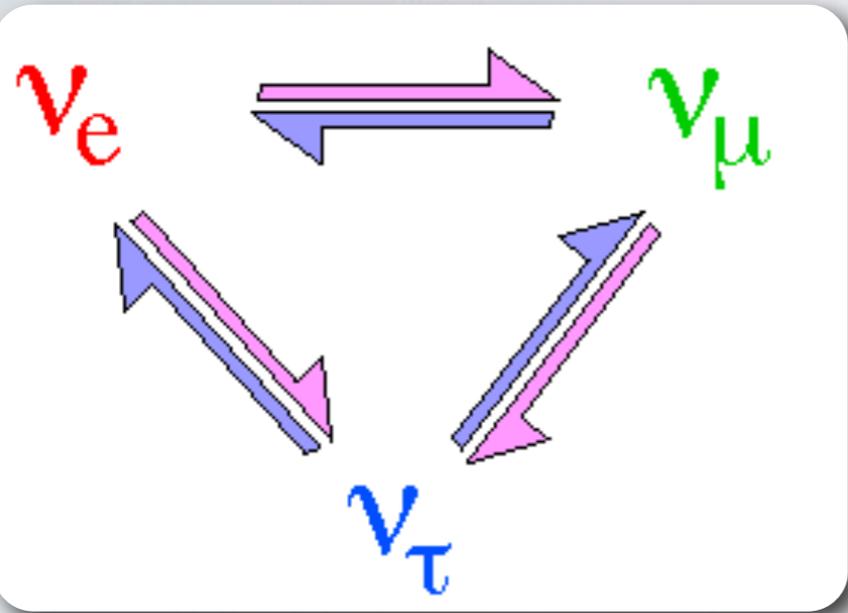
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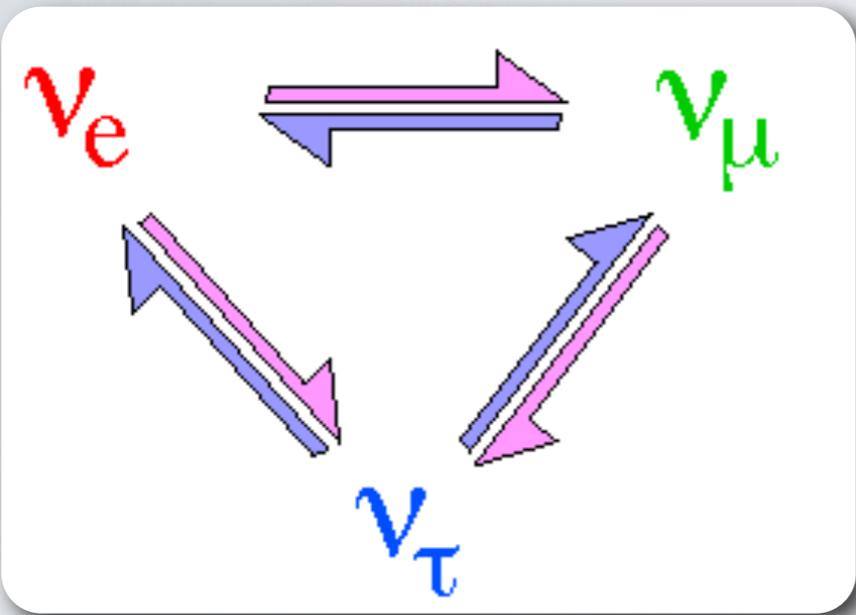
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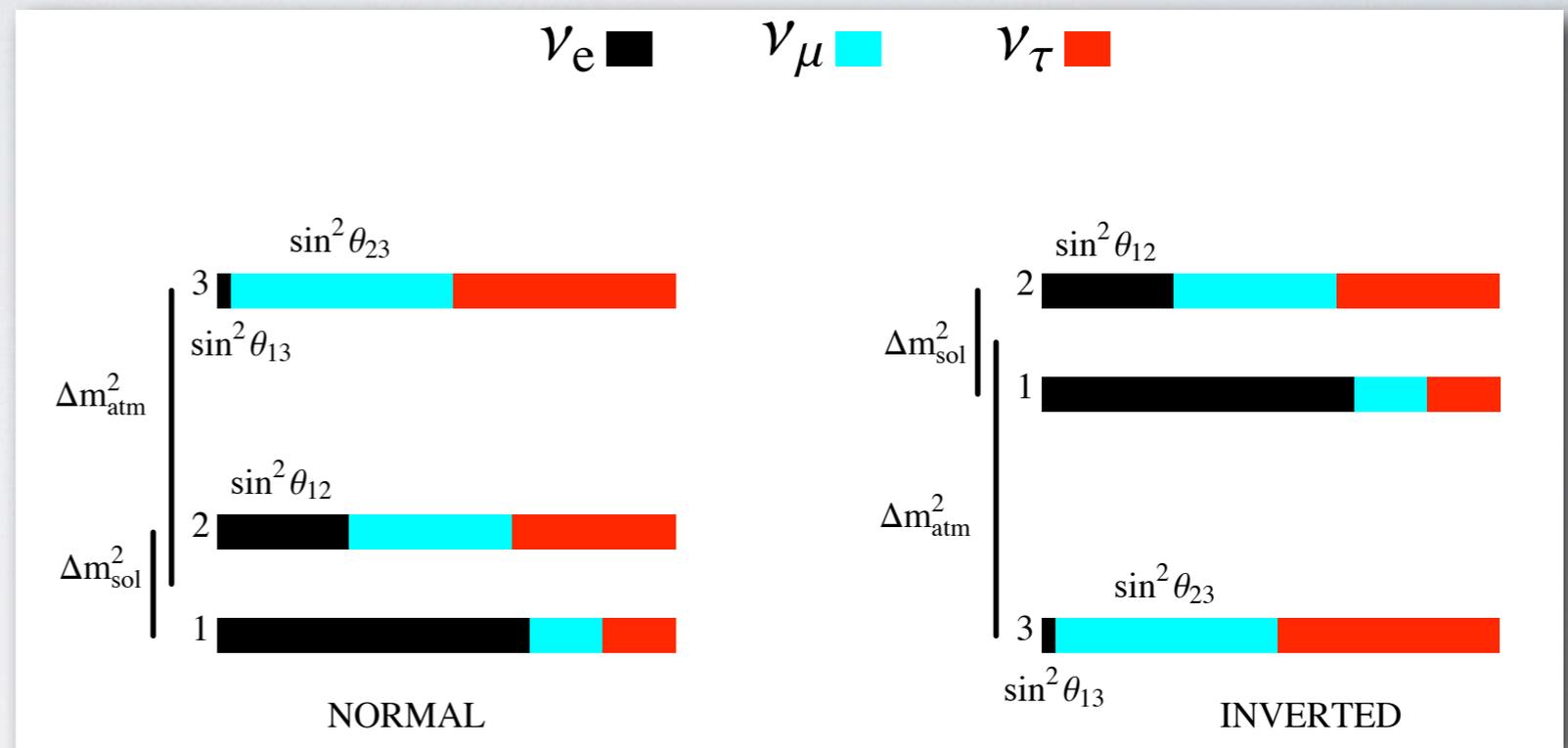
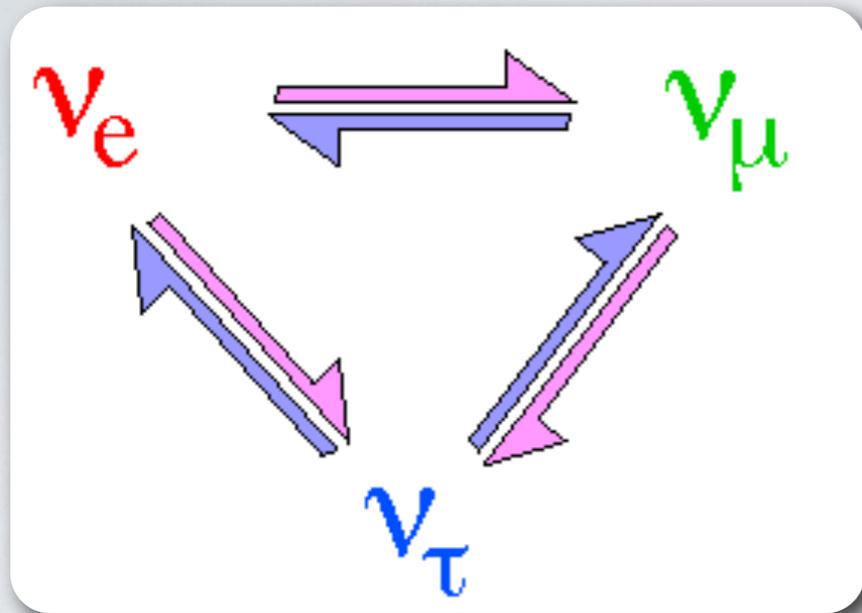


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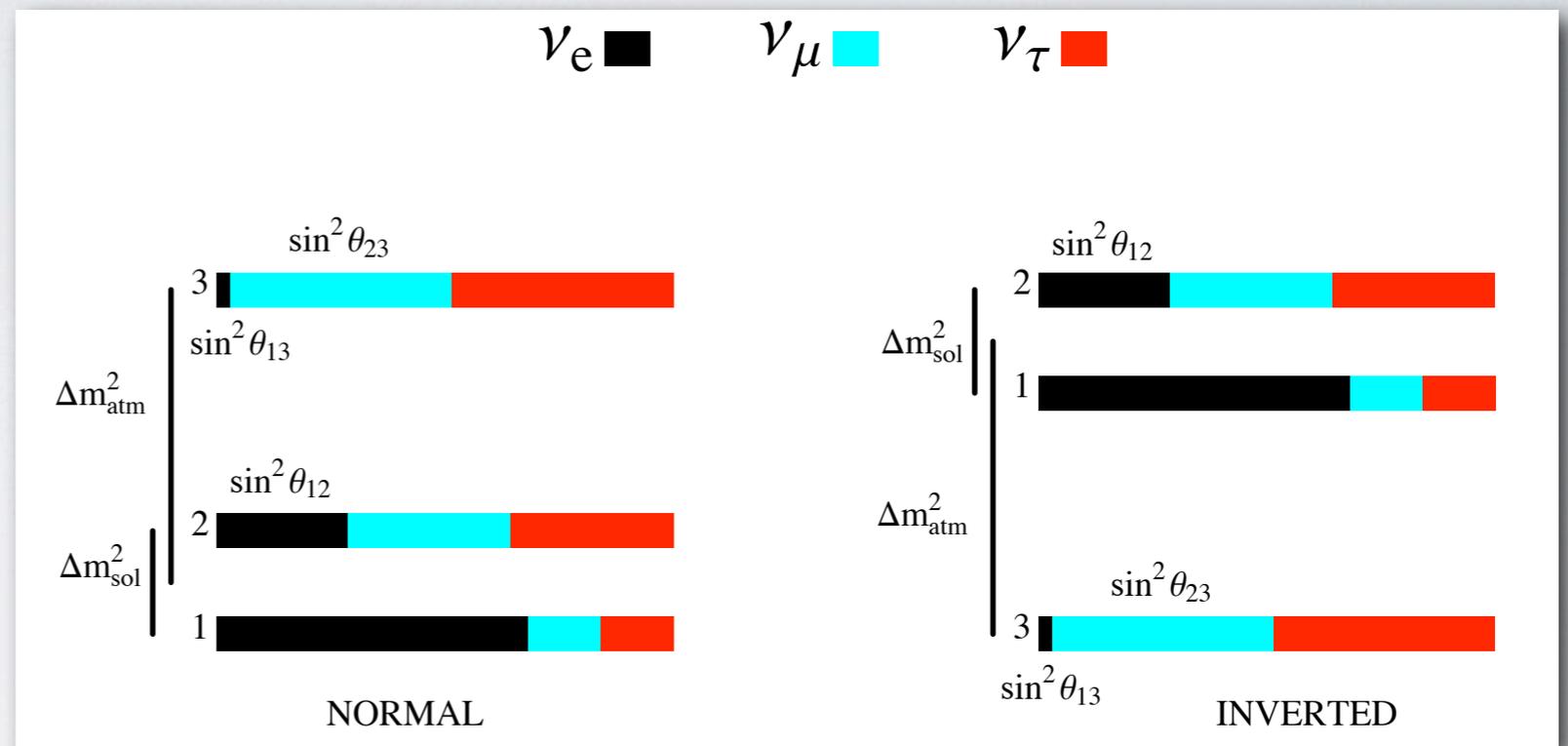
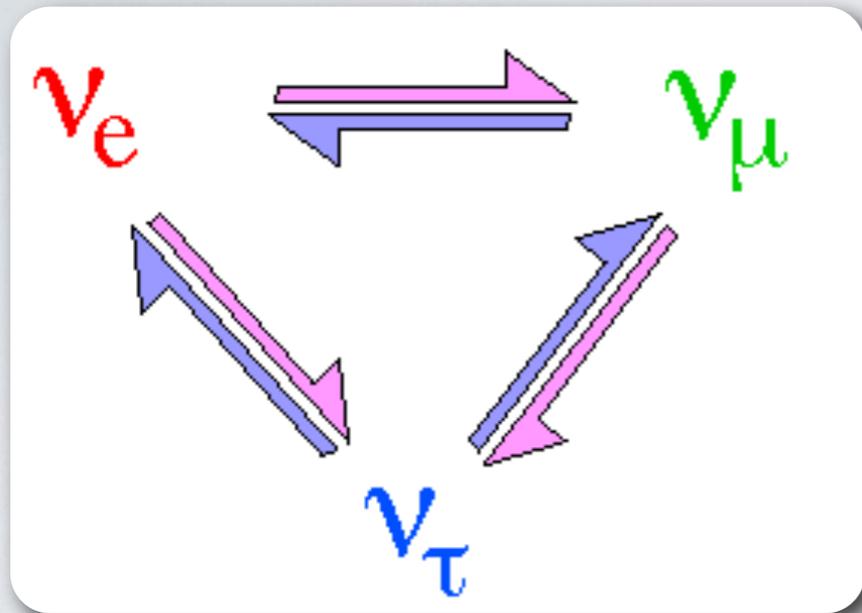
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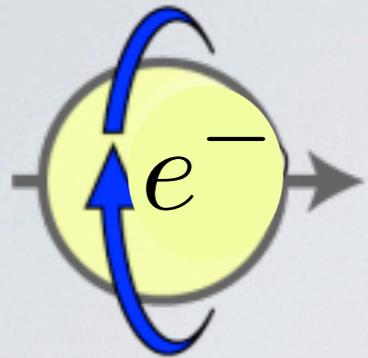
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How do we accommodate massive neutrinos in the Standard Model?

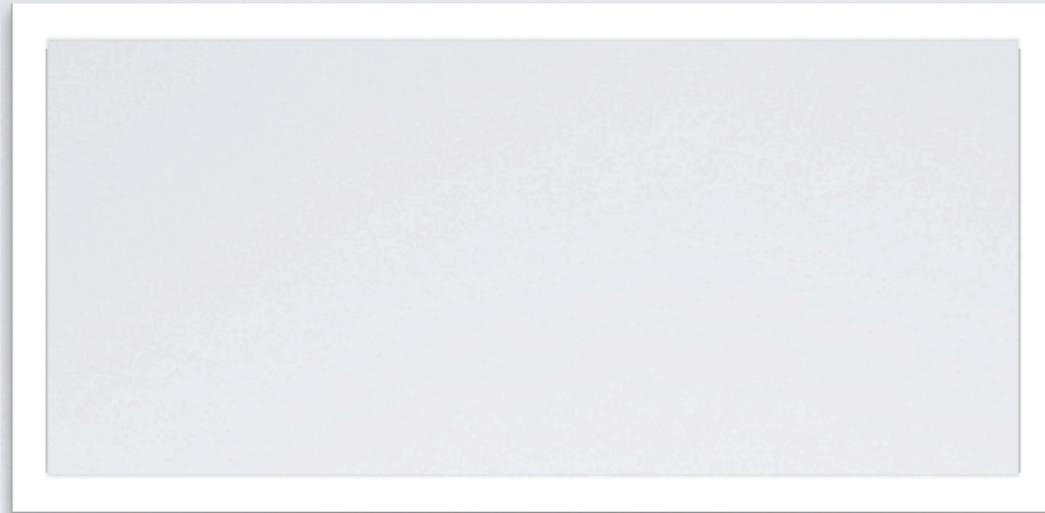
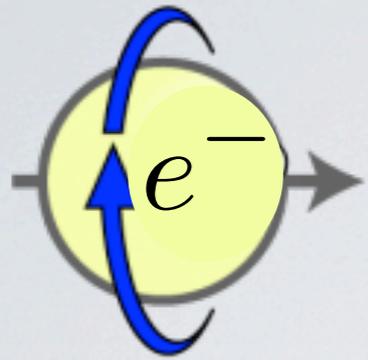
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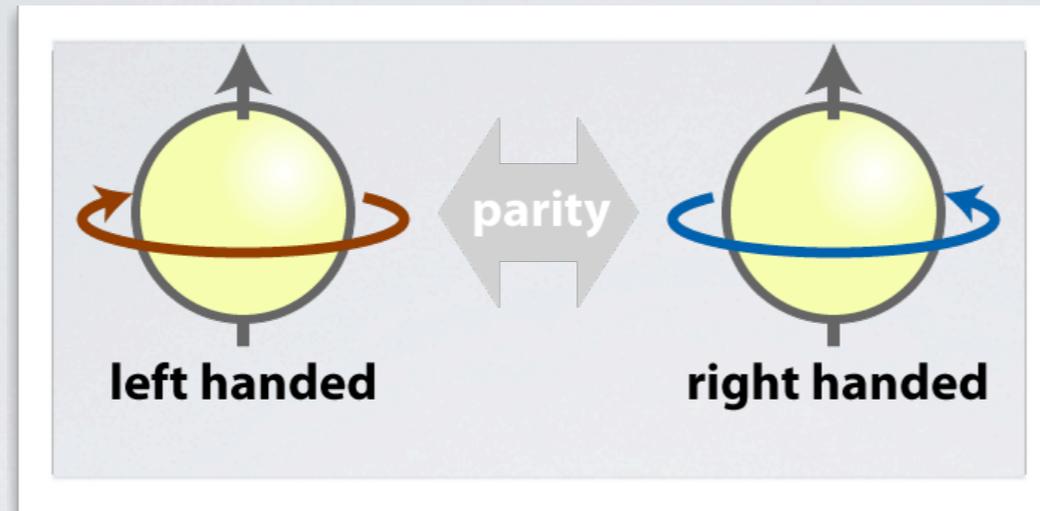
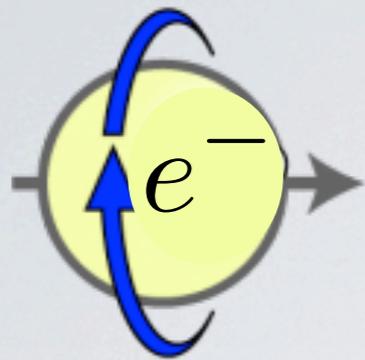
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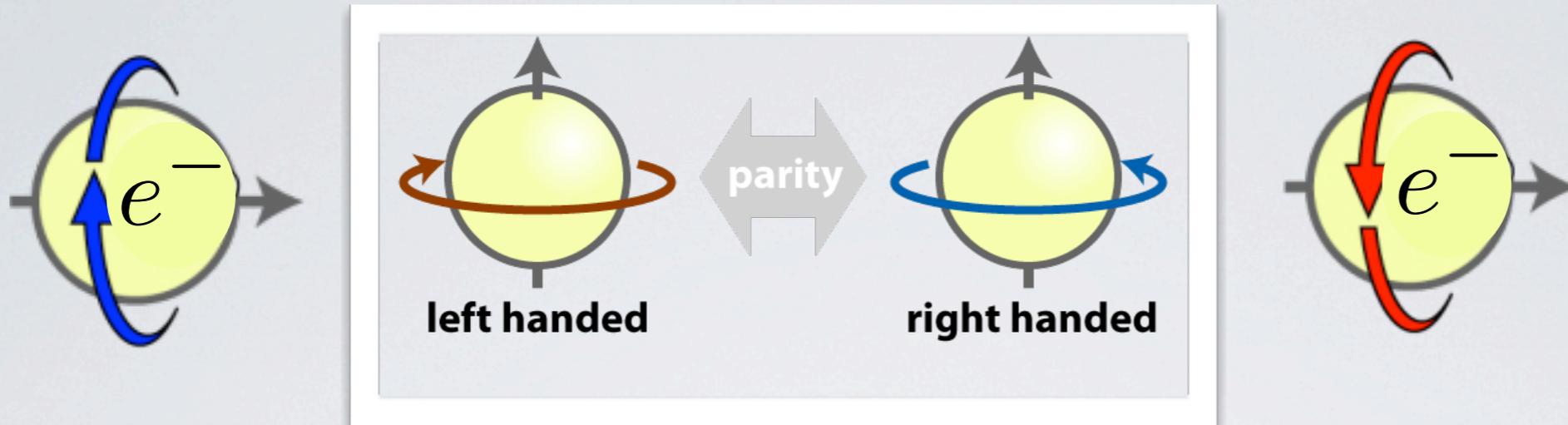
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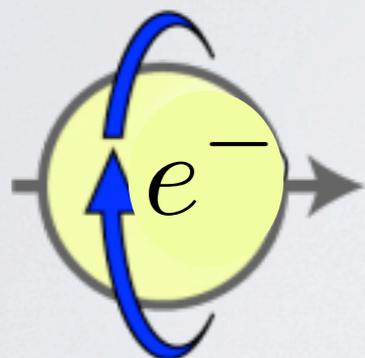
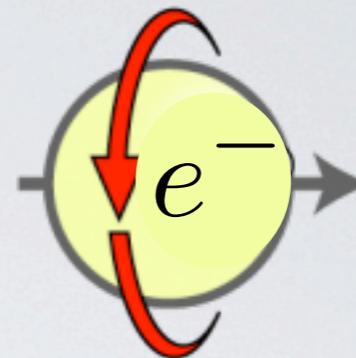
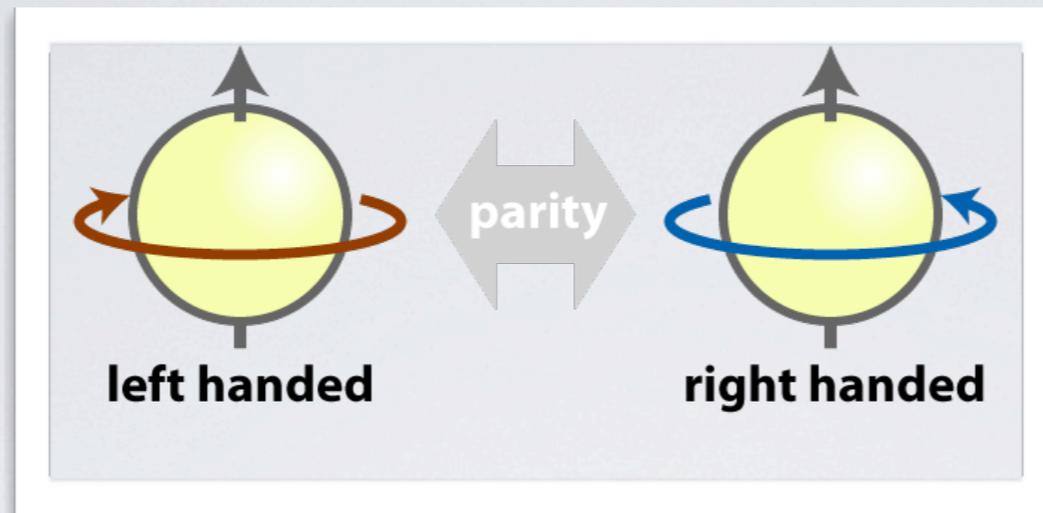
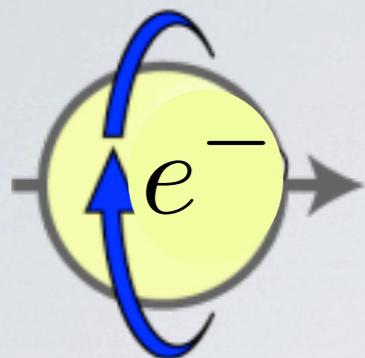
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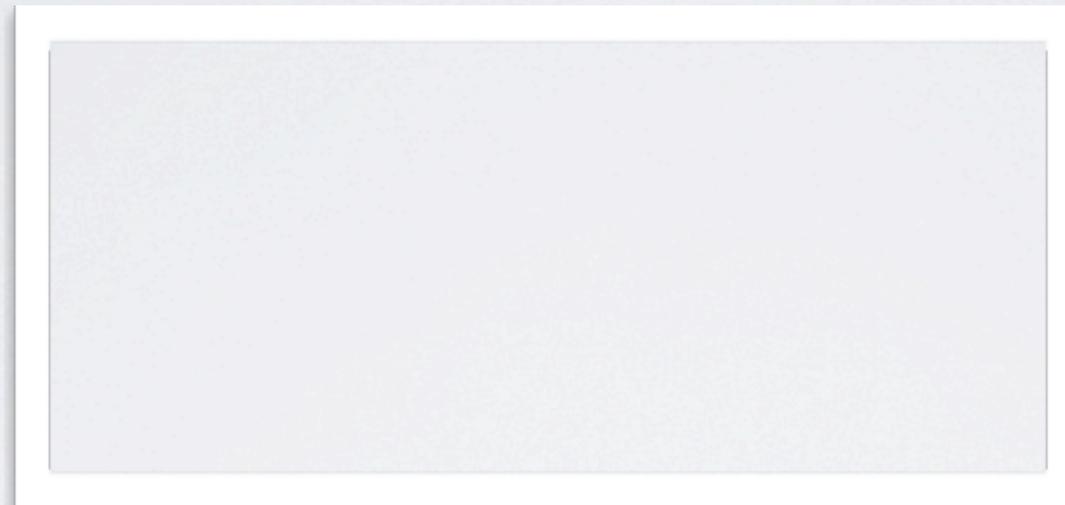
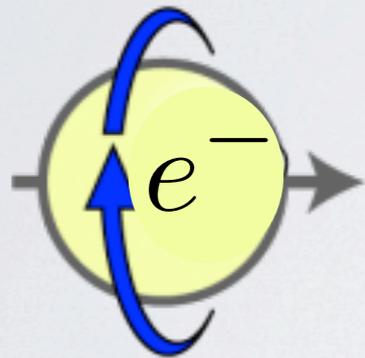
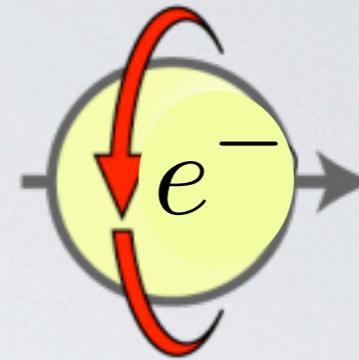
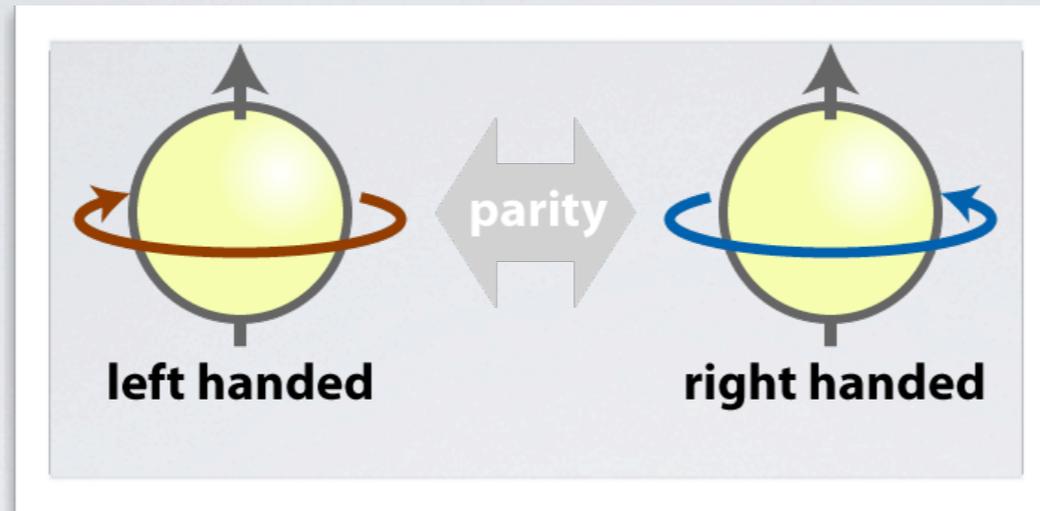
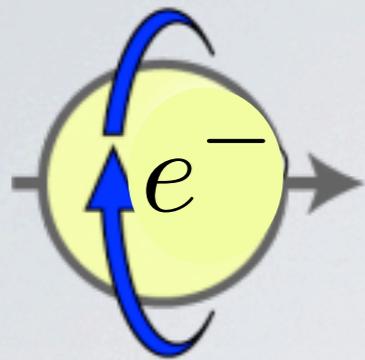
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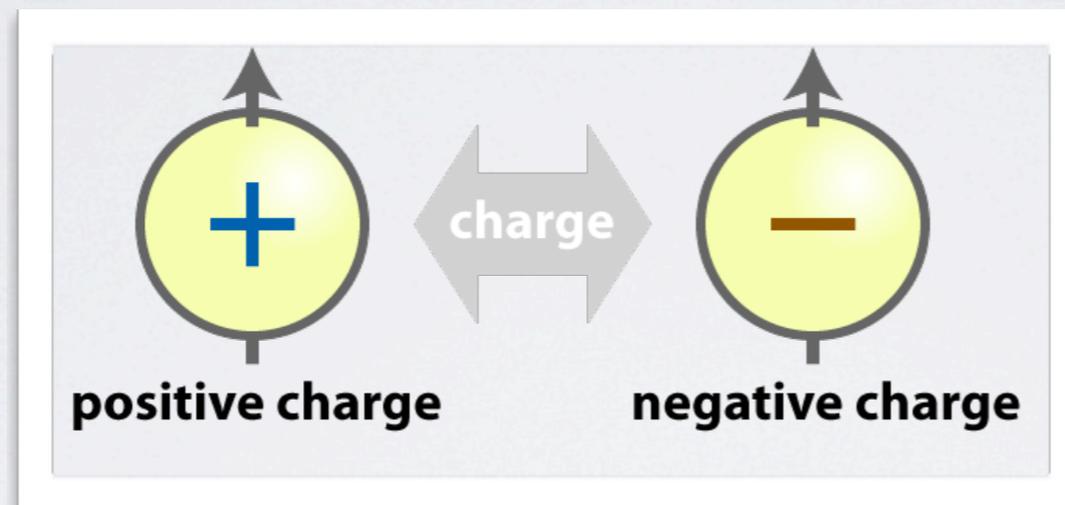
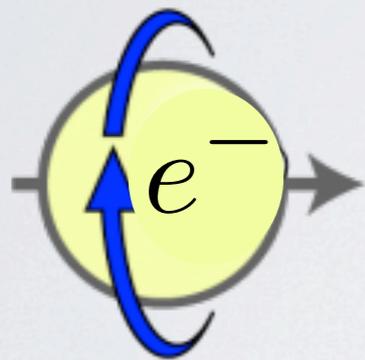
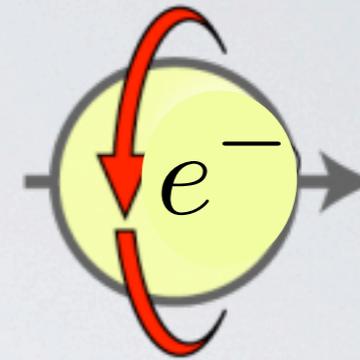
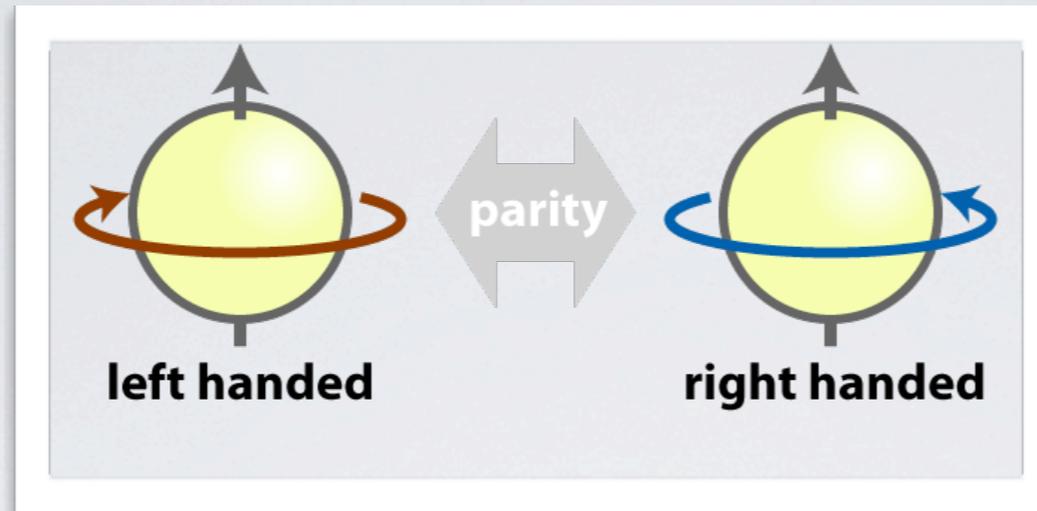
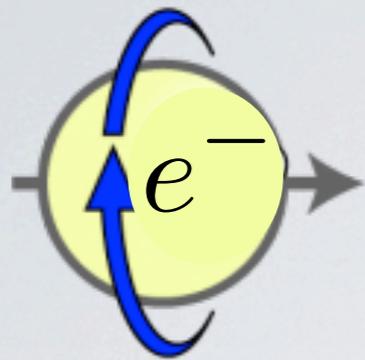
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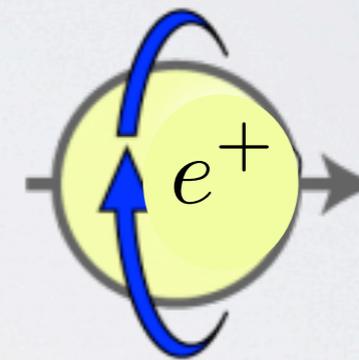
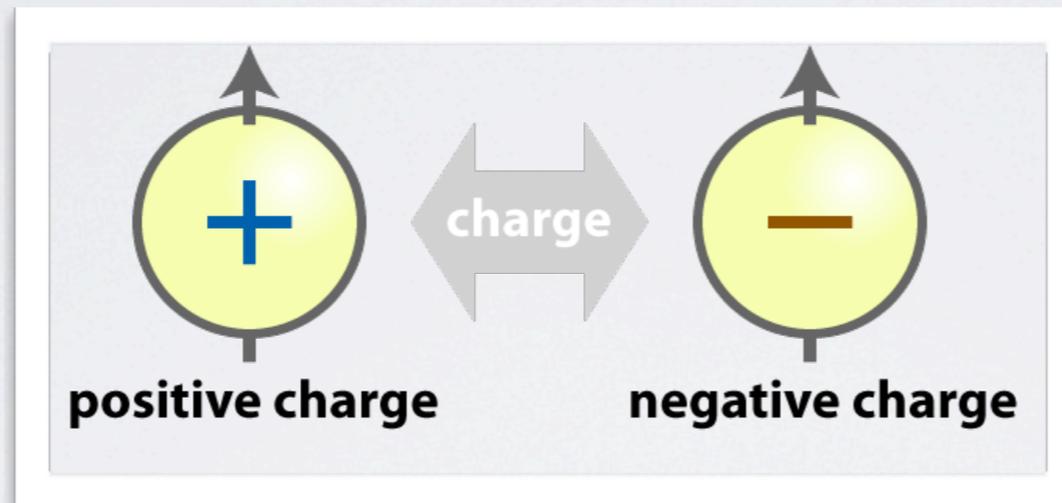
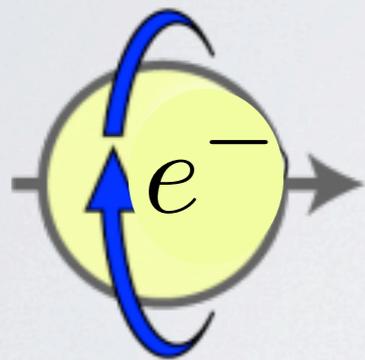
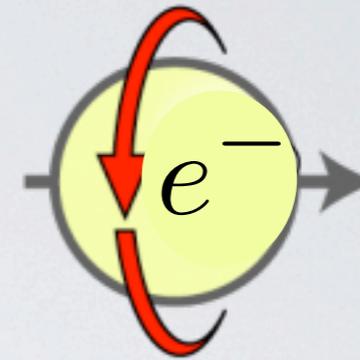
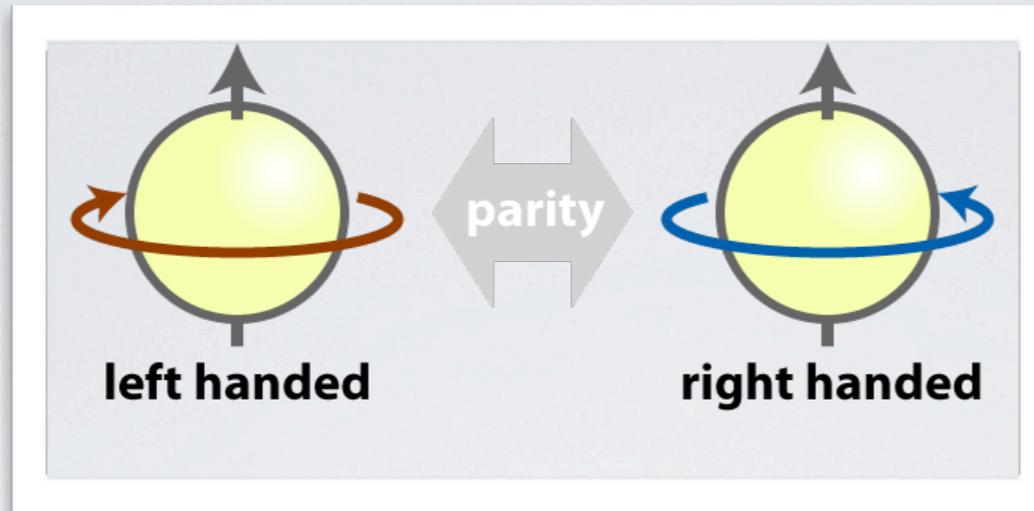
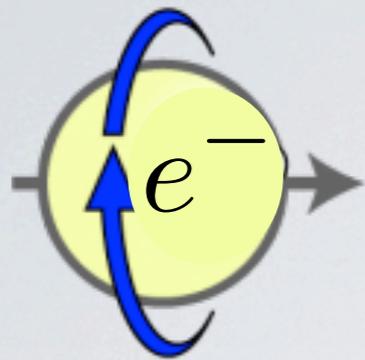
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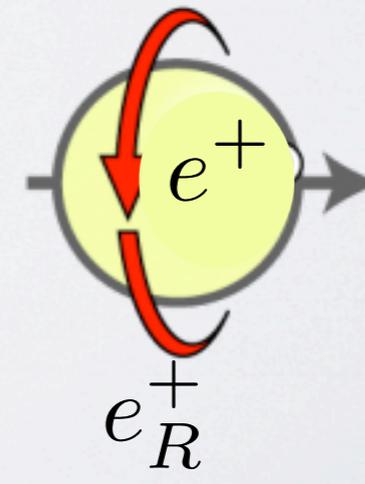
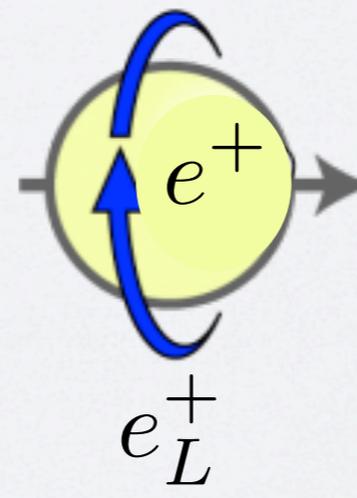
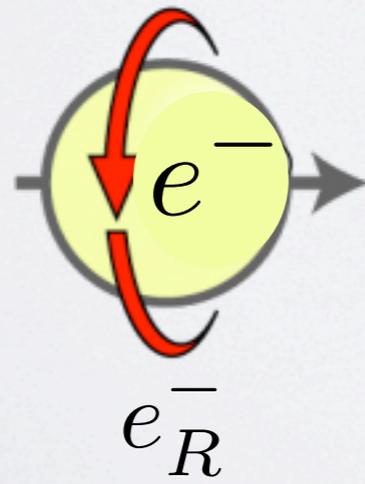
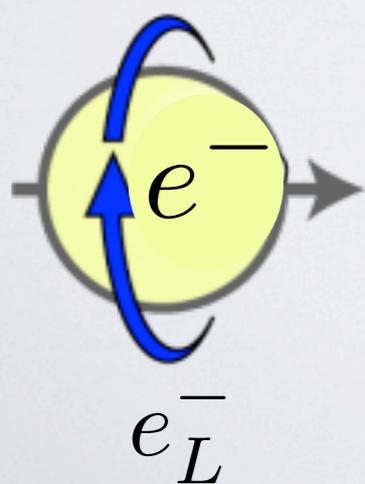
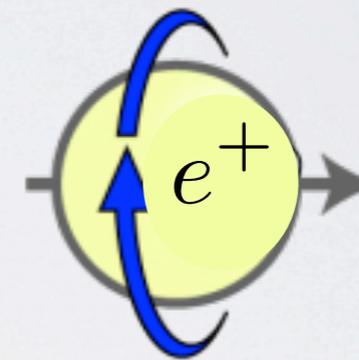
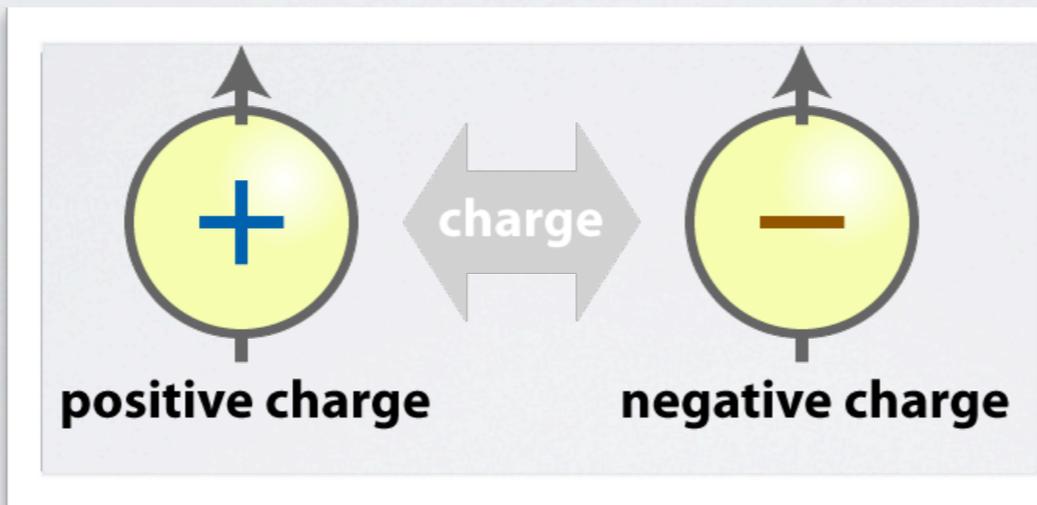
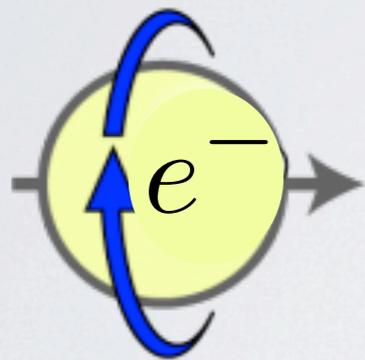
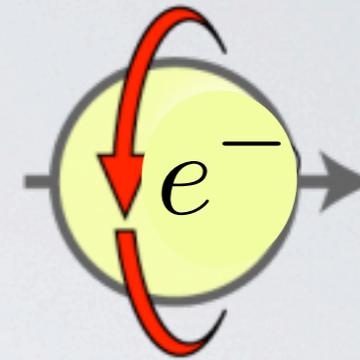
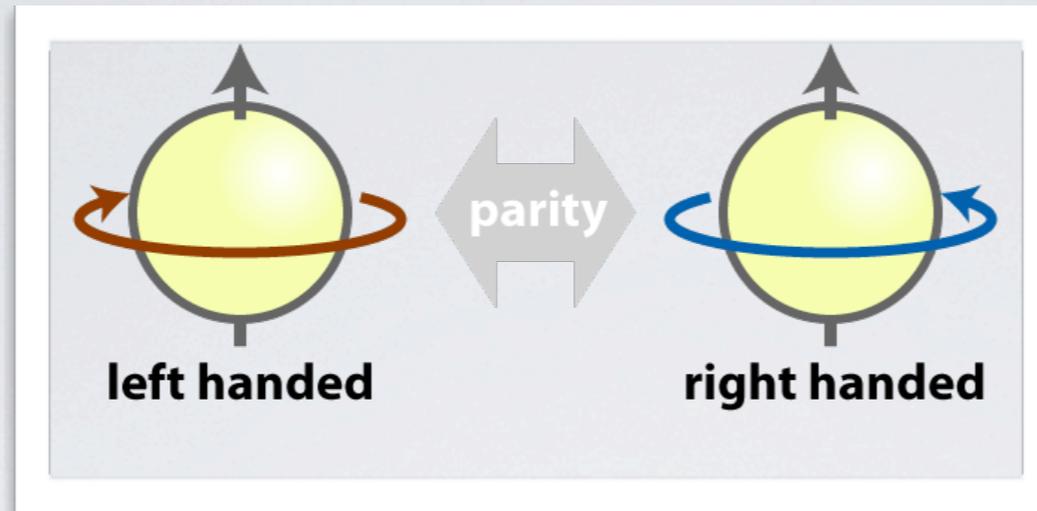
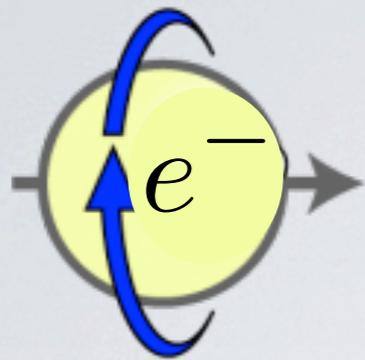
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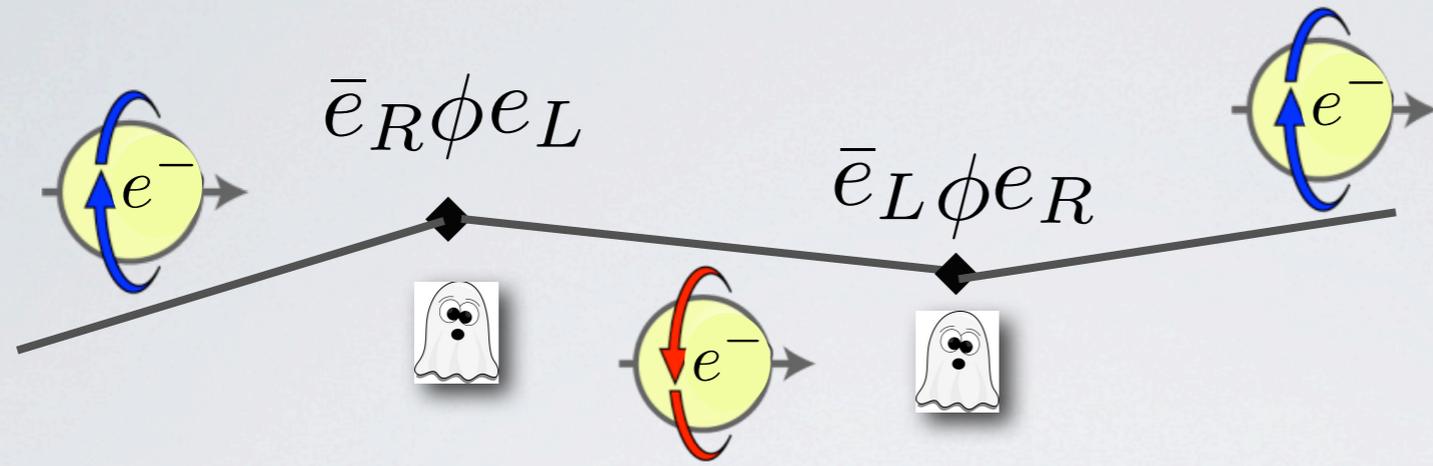


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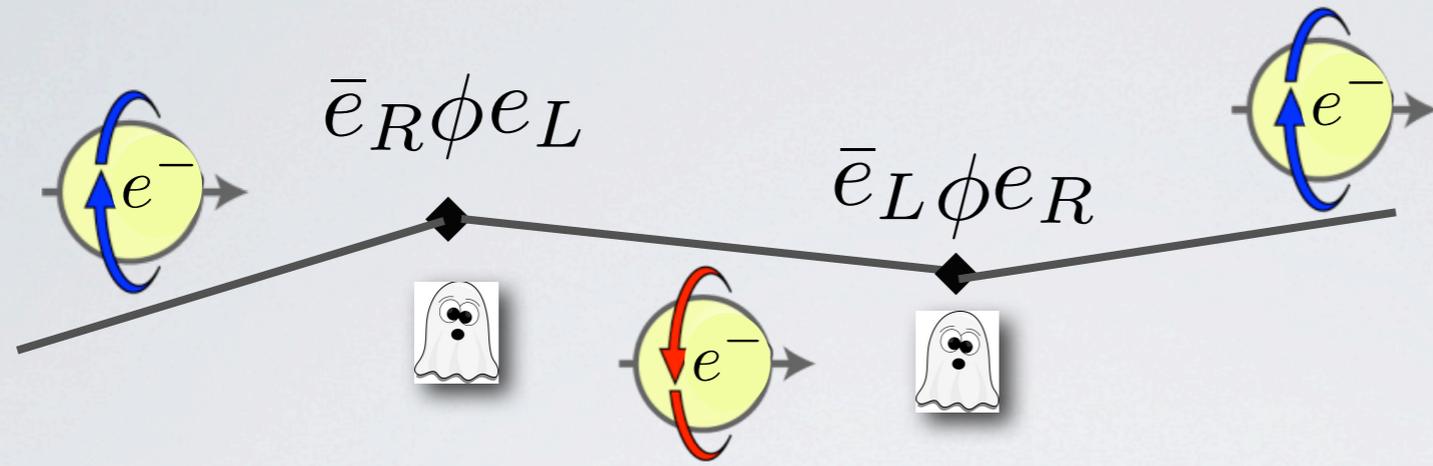


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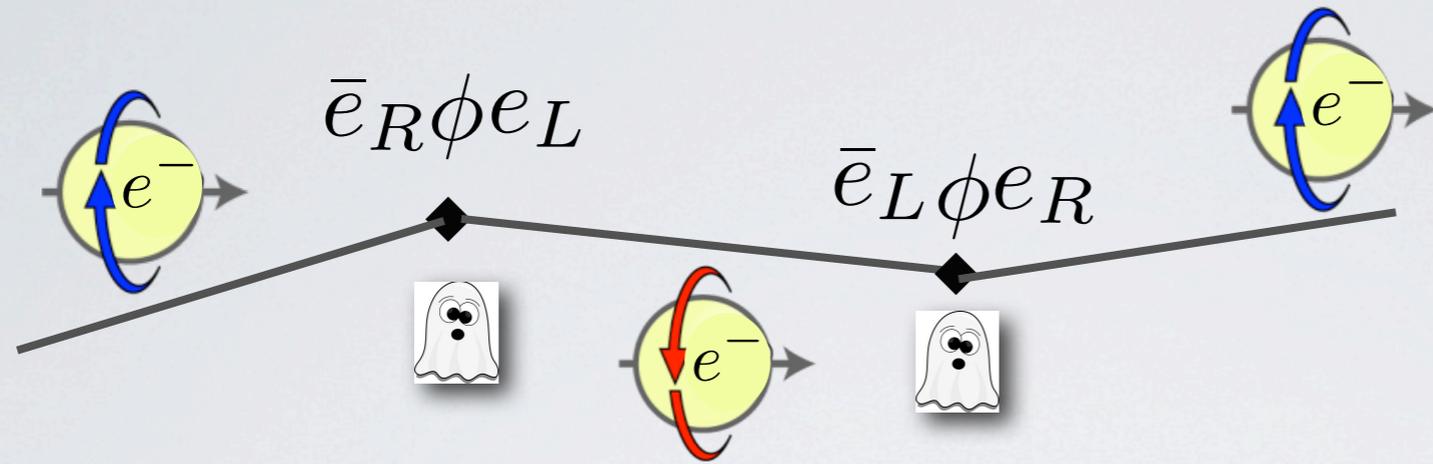


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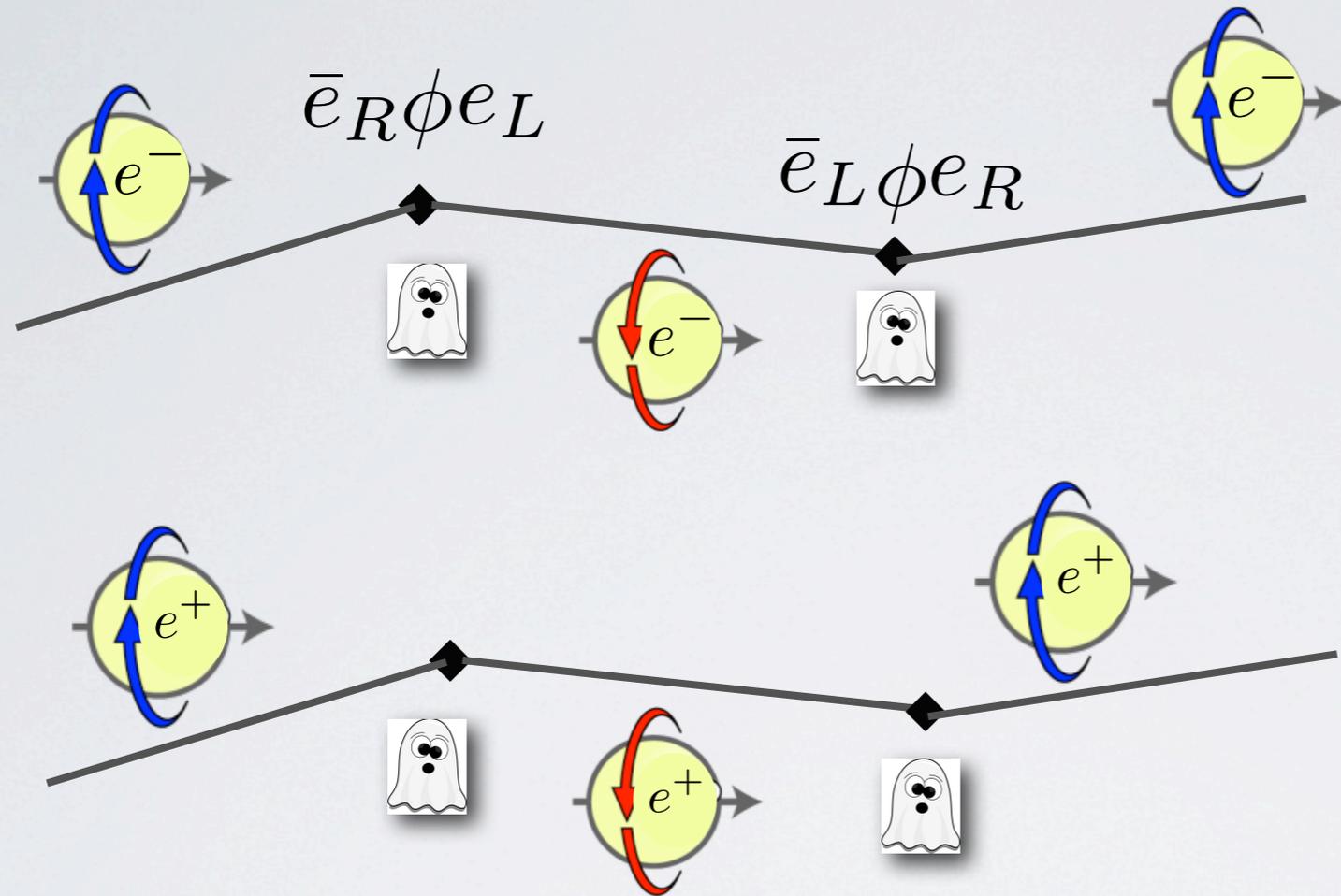
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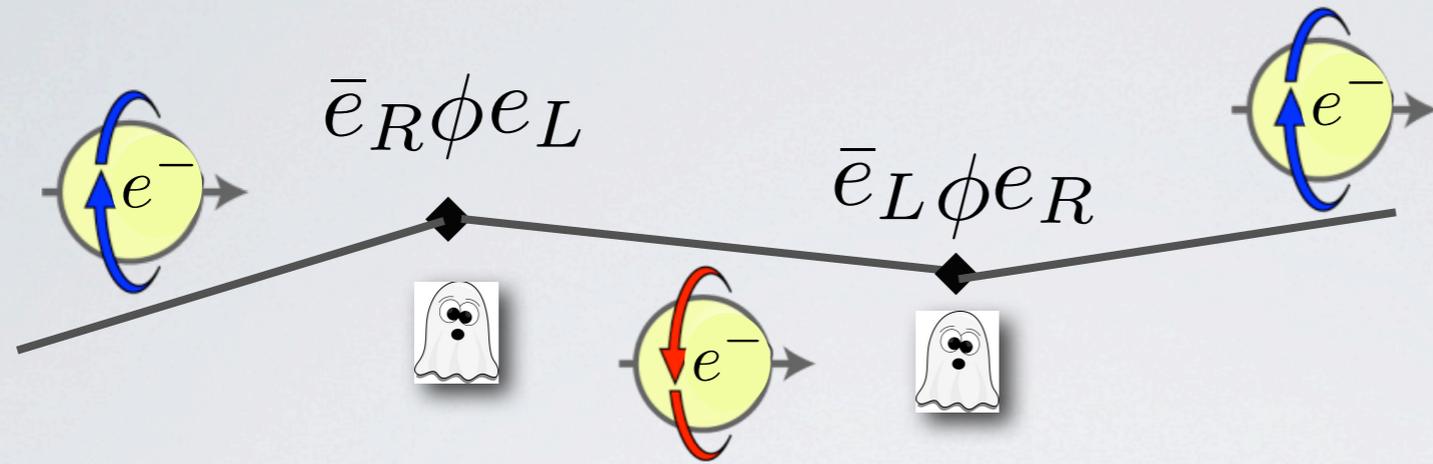
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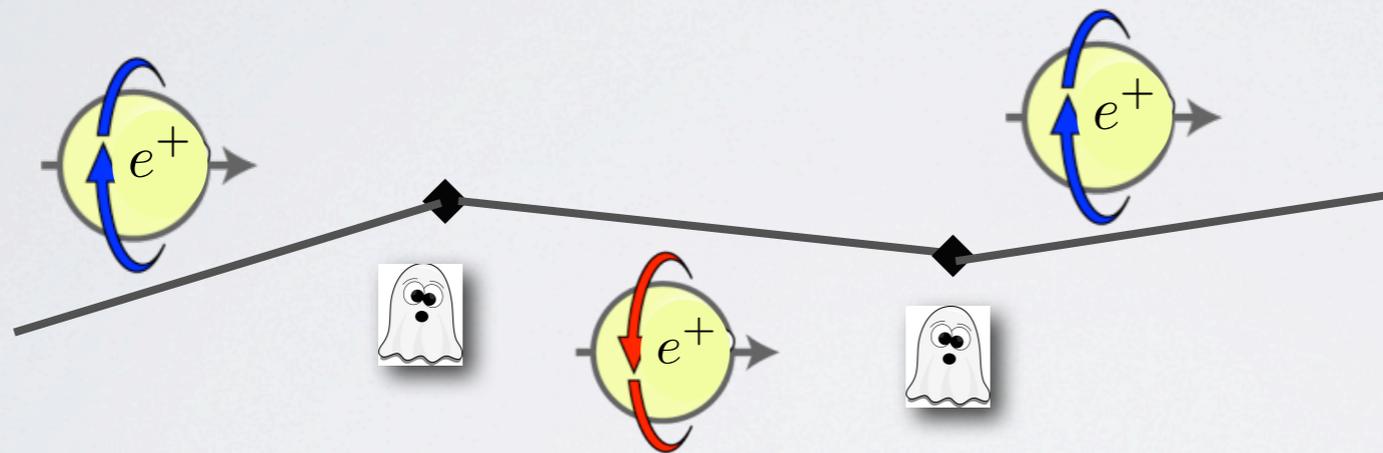
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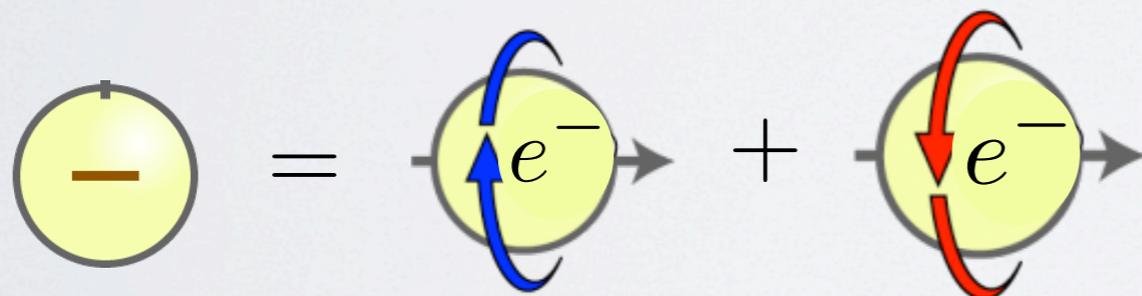
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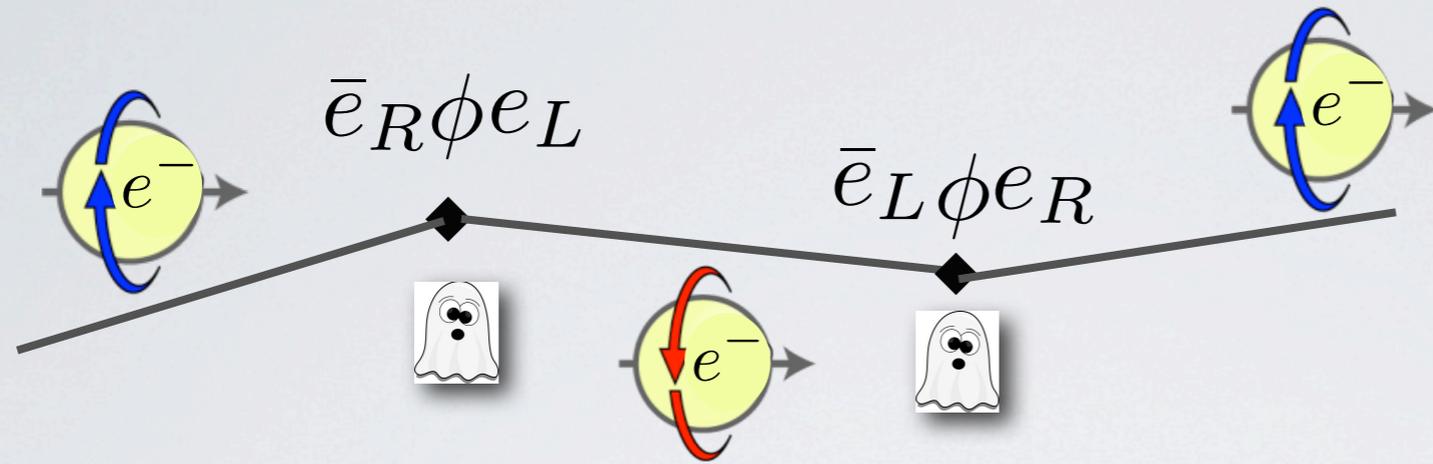
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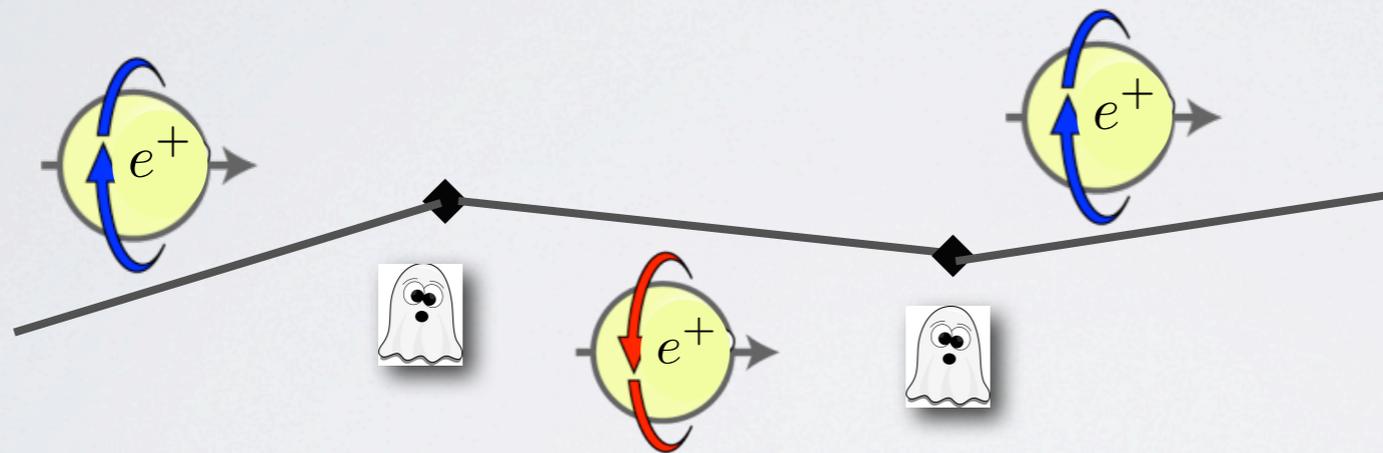


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Electron mass



left and right handed states bump against the Higgs field



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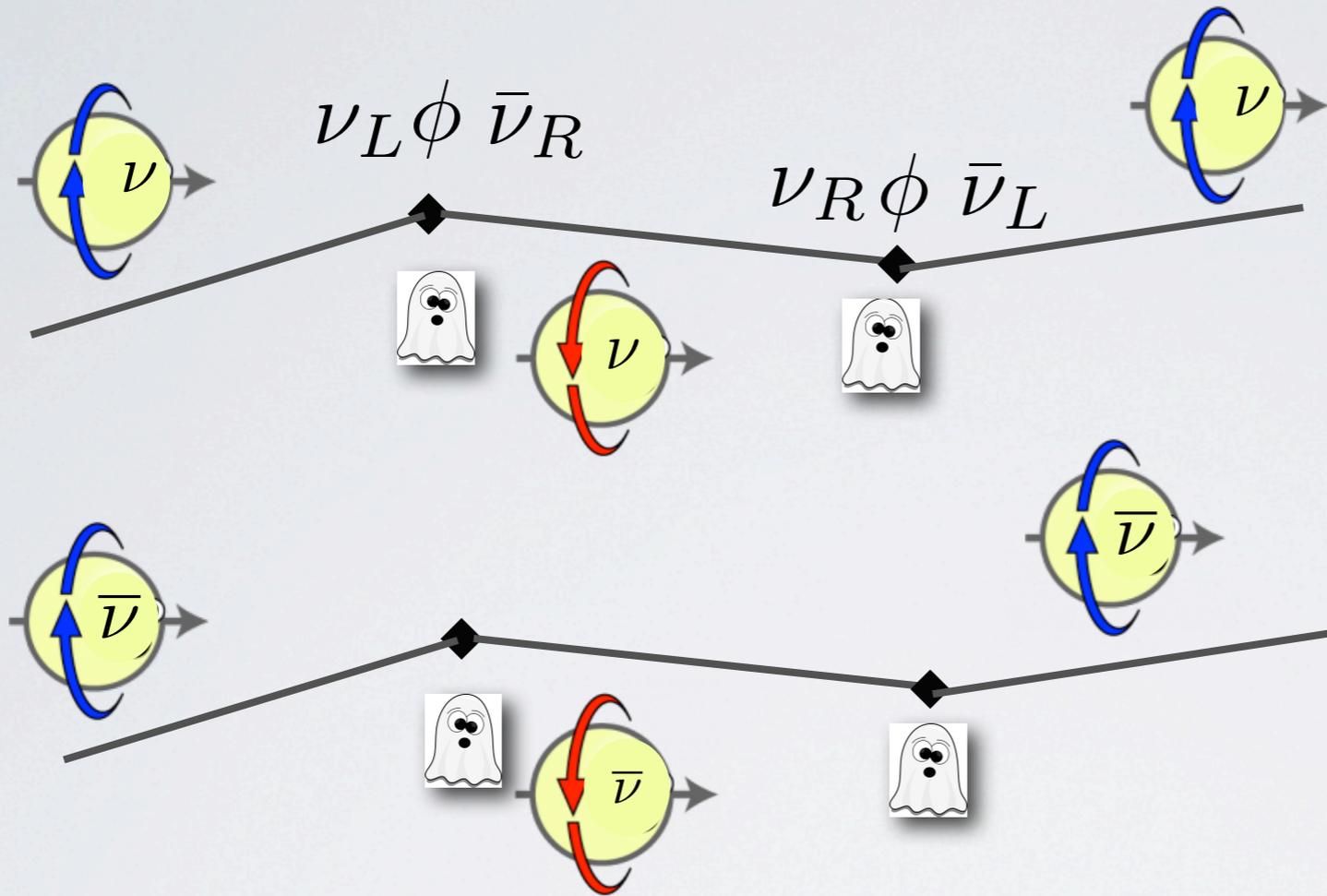
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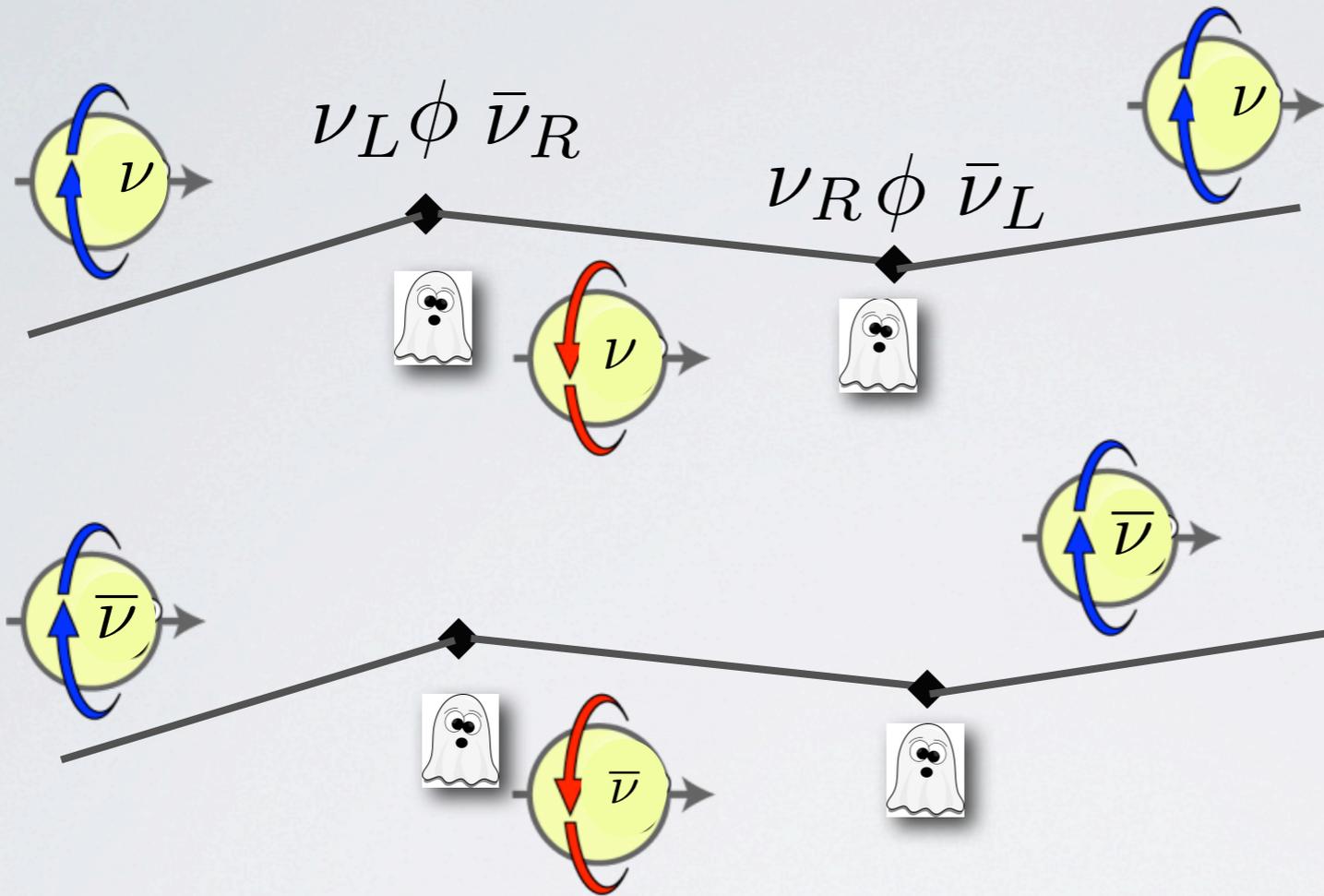
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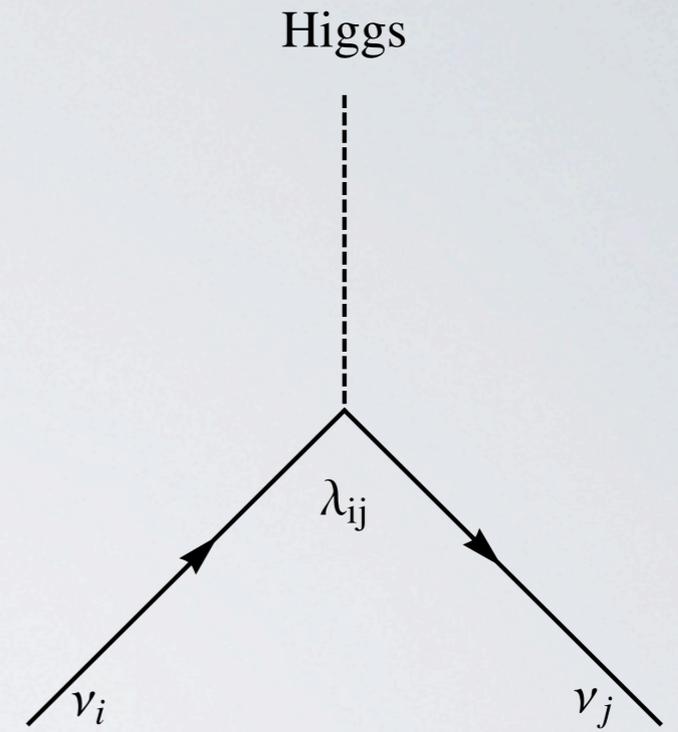
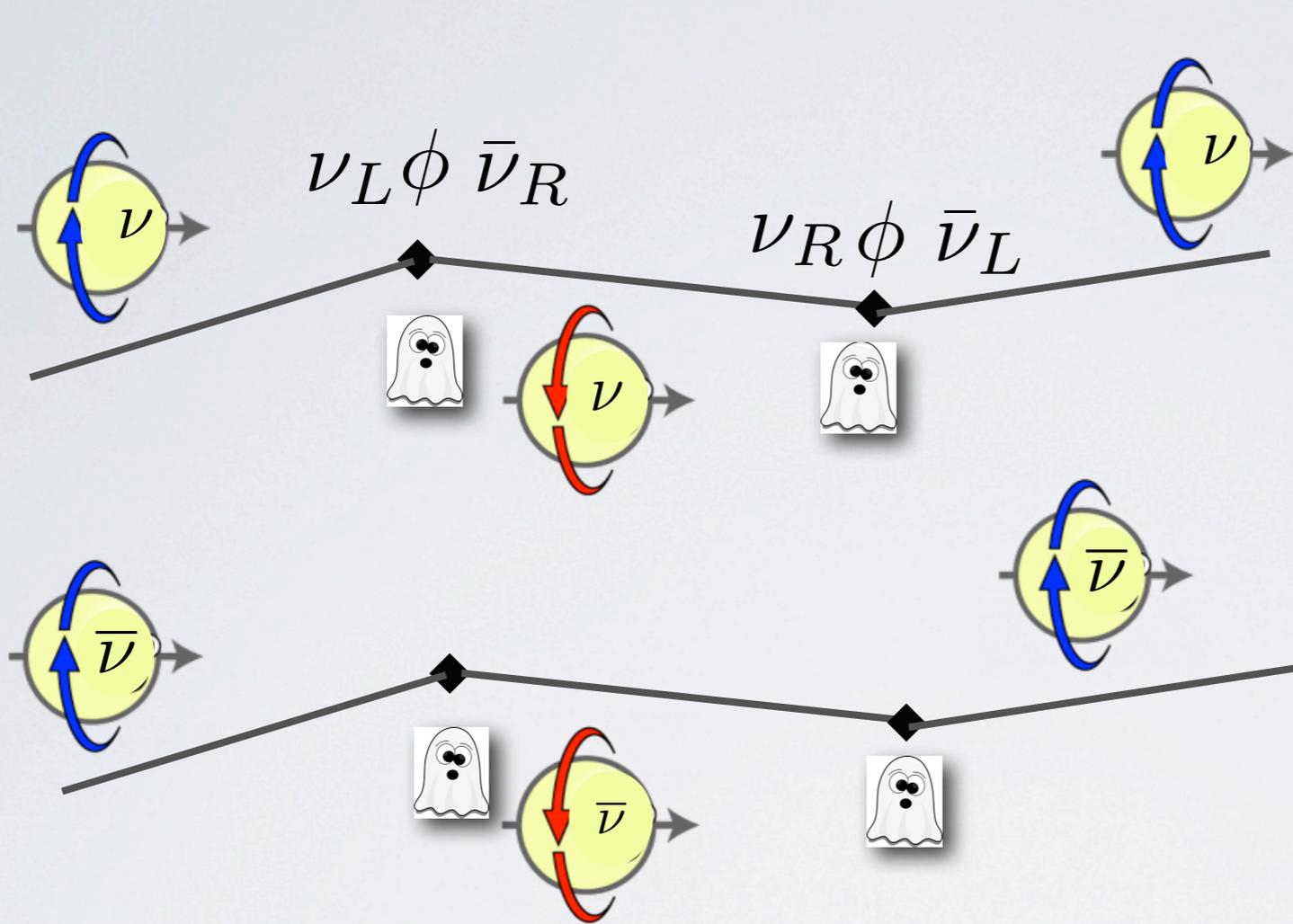
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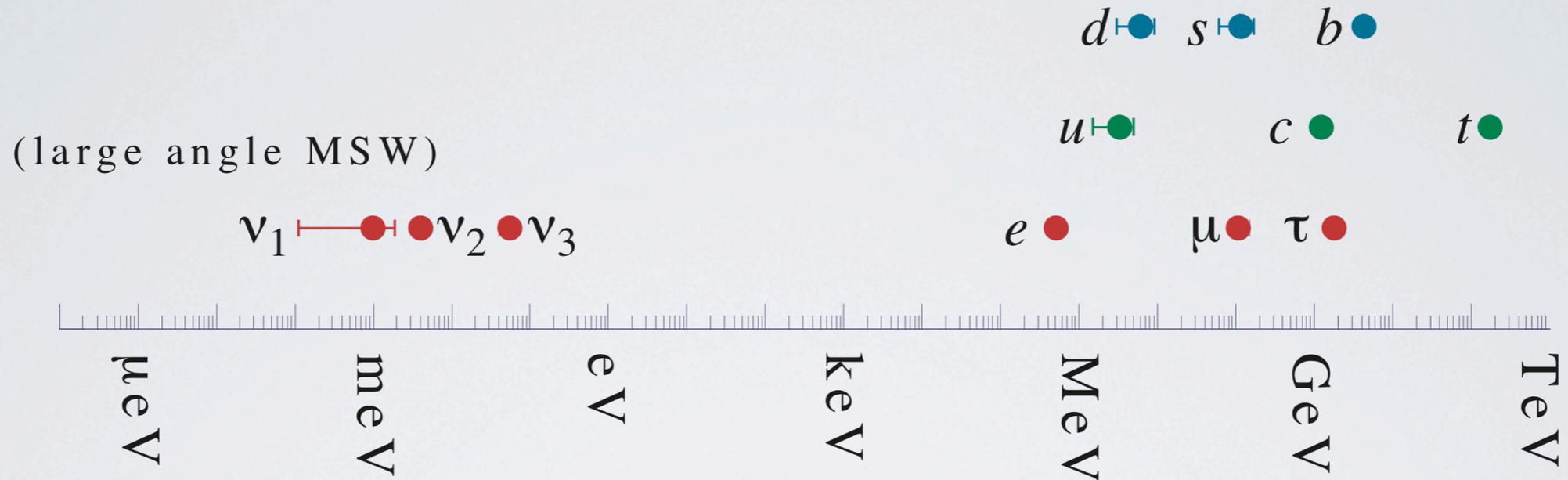
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Neutrino mass scale



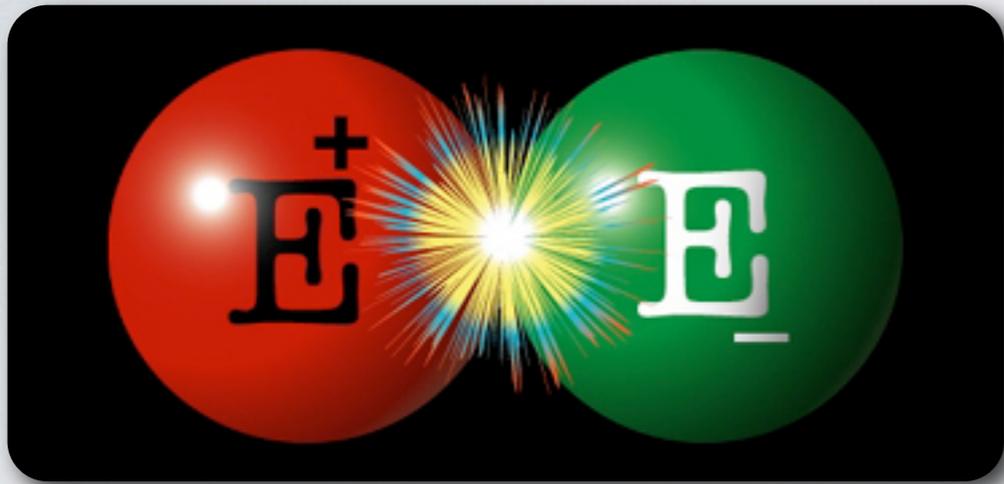
Why are neutrino masses so small compared with the other fermions? Smaller Yukawas not very attractive explanation...

$$\lambda_\nu \ll \lambda_e?$$

Majorana neutrinos

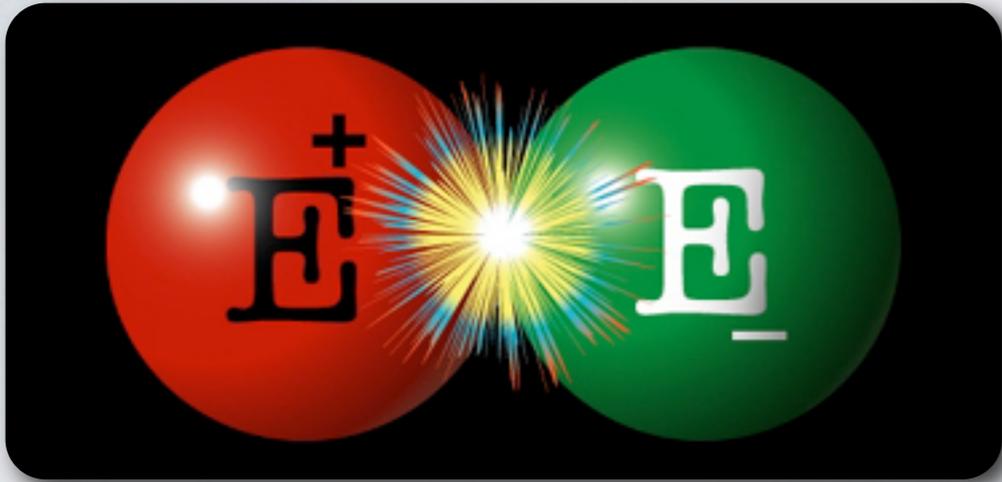
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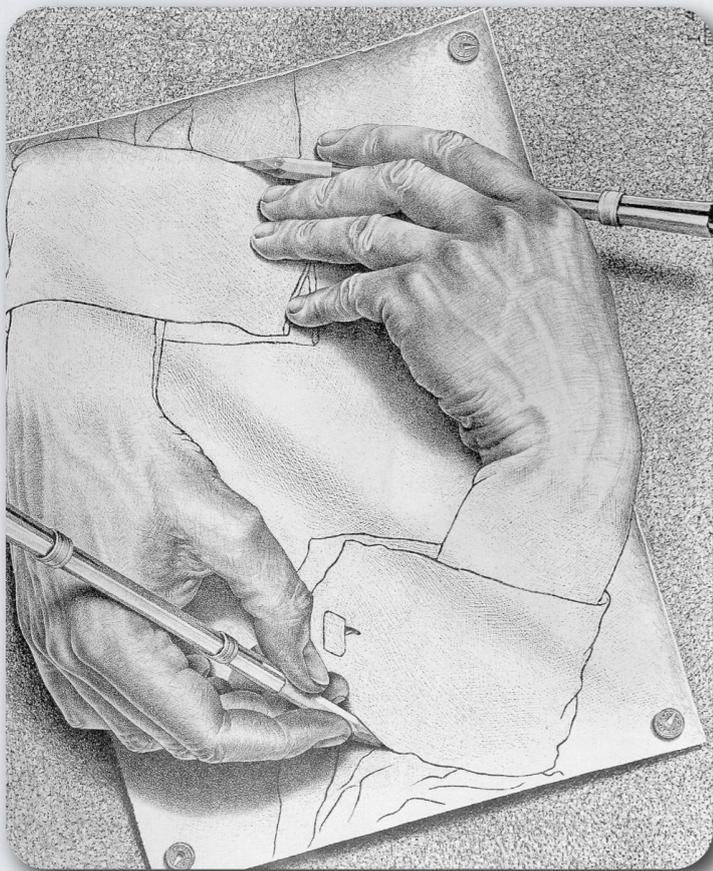


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But the neutrino has no electric charge that needs to be conserved.

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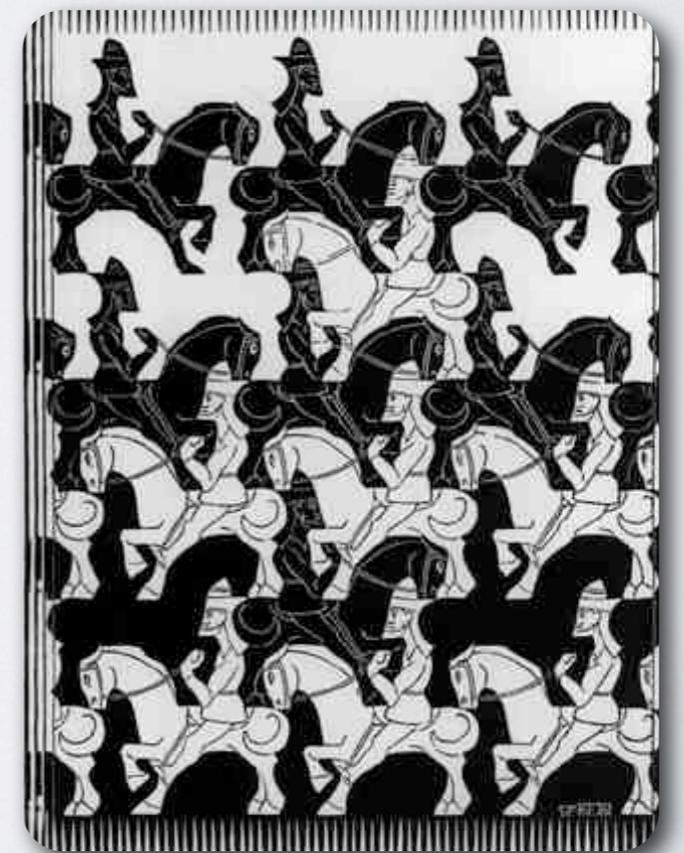
$$\nu = \text{[left-handed neutrino]} + \text{[right-handed neutrino]} \quad \cancel{\nu = \nu_L + \nu_R}$$

$$\text{[left-handed antineutrino]} + \text{[right-handed antineutrino]} \quad \cancel{\nu^c = (\nu_L)^c + (\nu_R)^c}$$

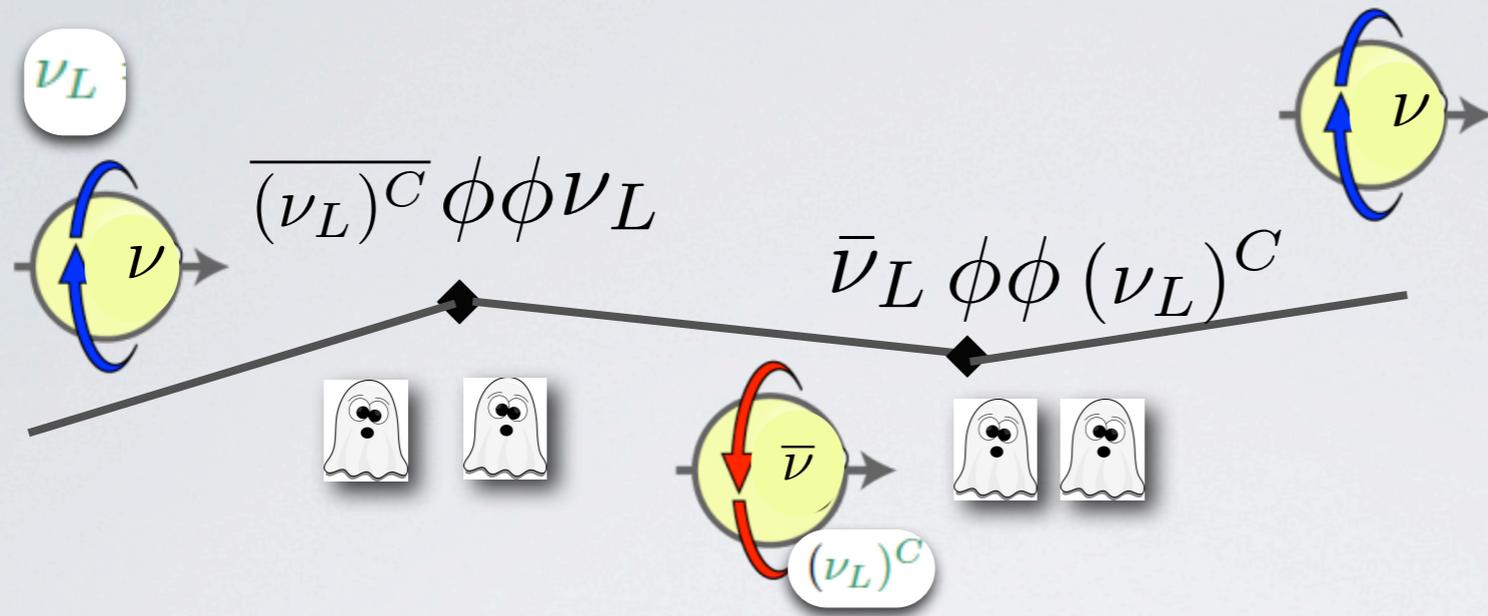
$$\nu = \bar{\nu}$$

$$\nu = \nu_L + \nu_L^c \quad \nu^c = \nu$$

The neutrino is made, like in the Escher's tableau of black and white chevaliers.



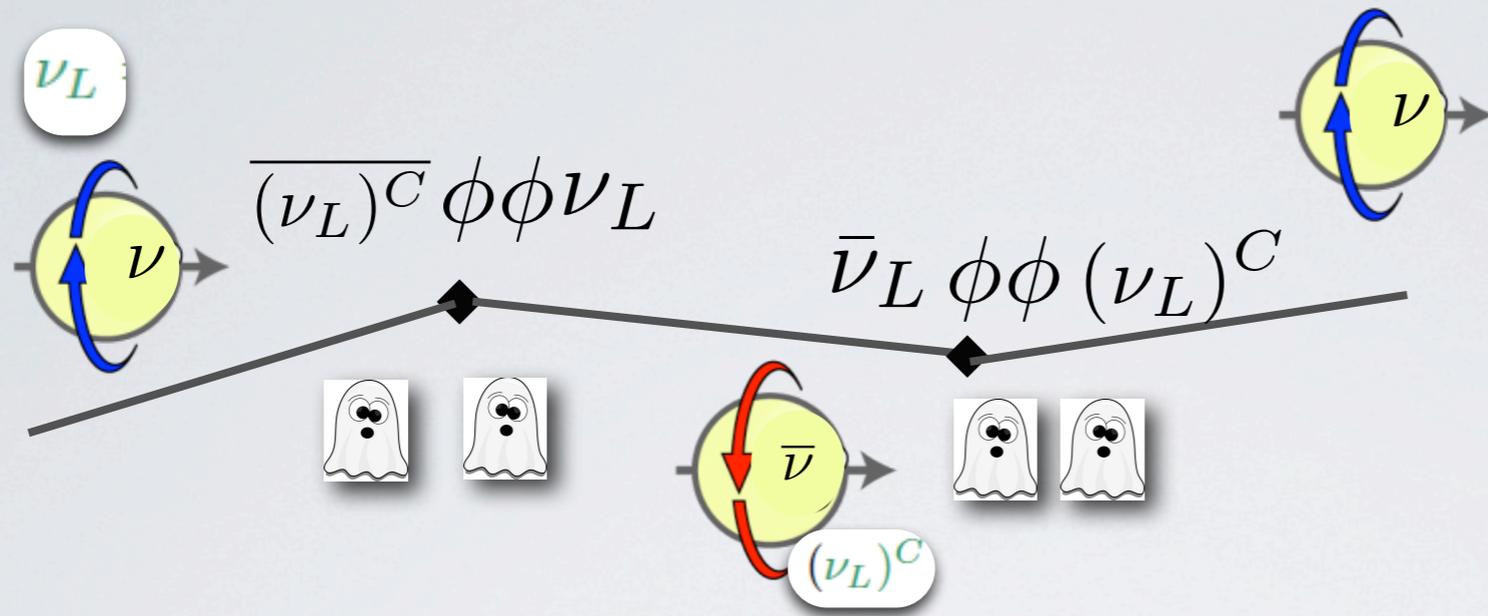
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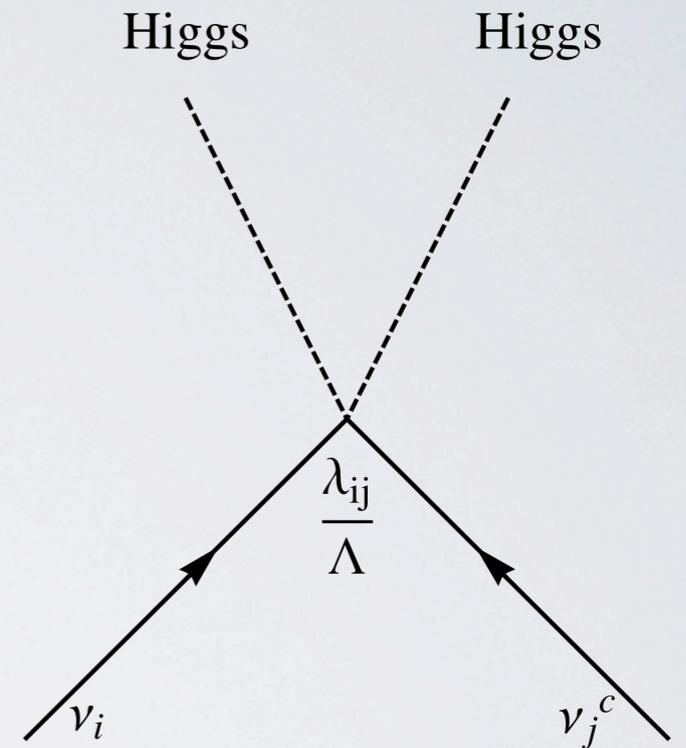
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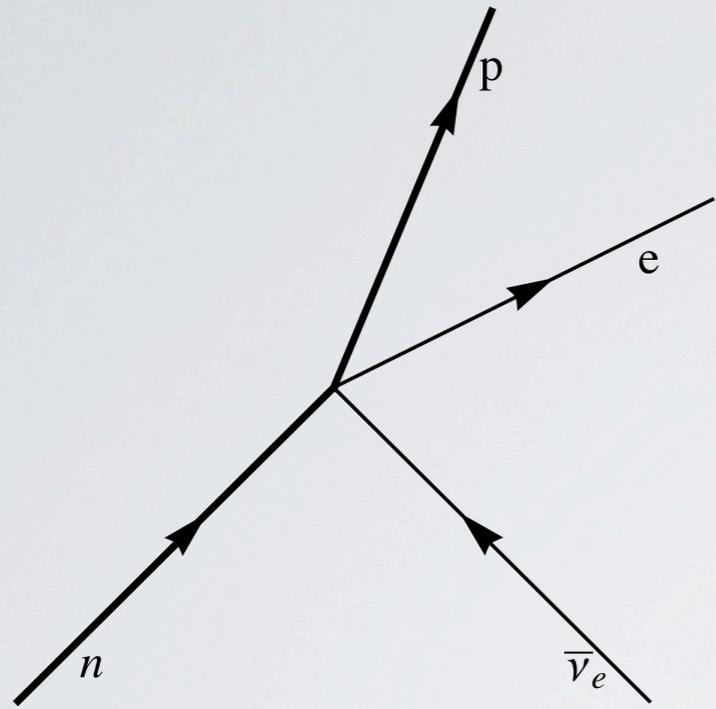
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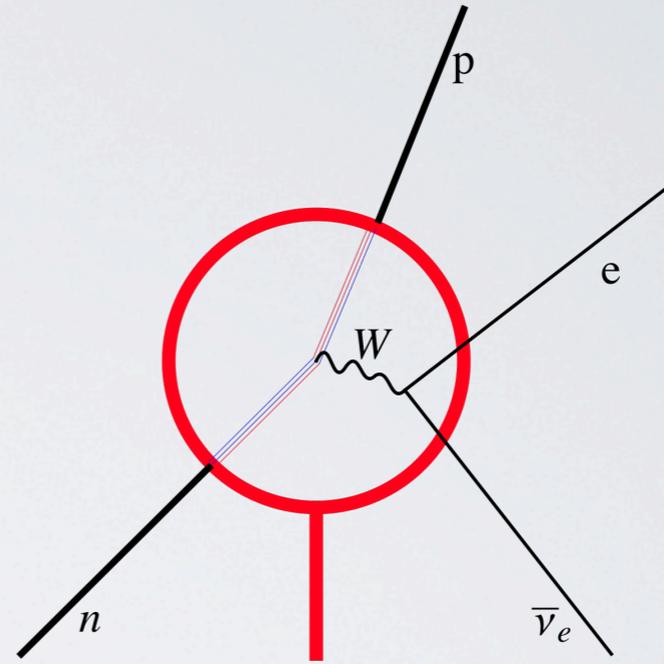
$$m_\nu \sim \lambda \frac{v^2}{\Lambda}$$

Effective theory (Fermi constant)

Standard Model

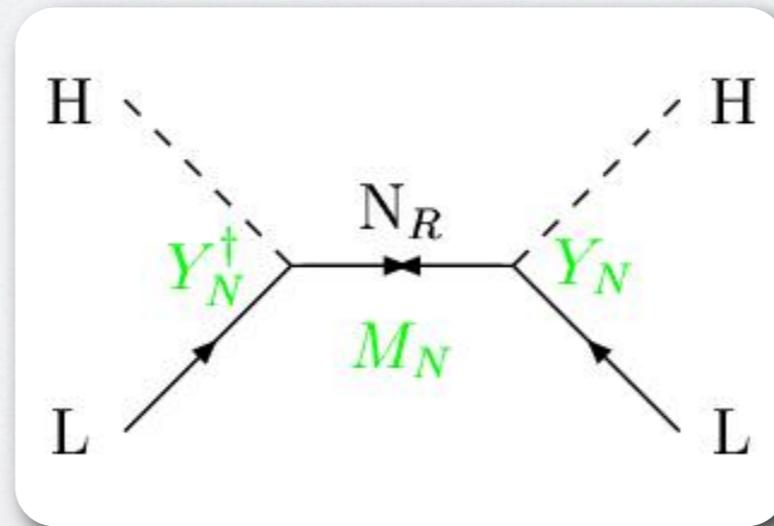
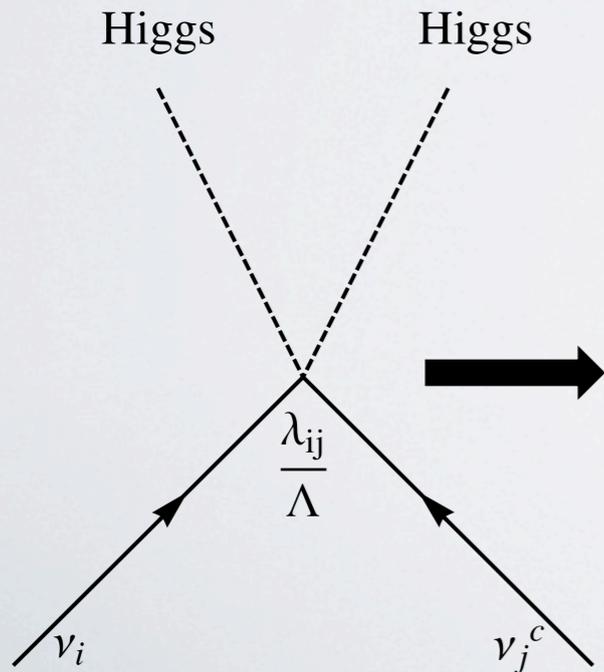


$$G_F \sim \frac{1}{M_W^2}$$



Effective theory (Λ)

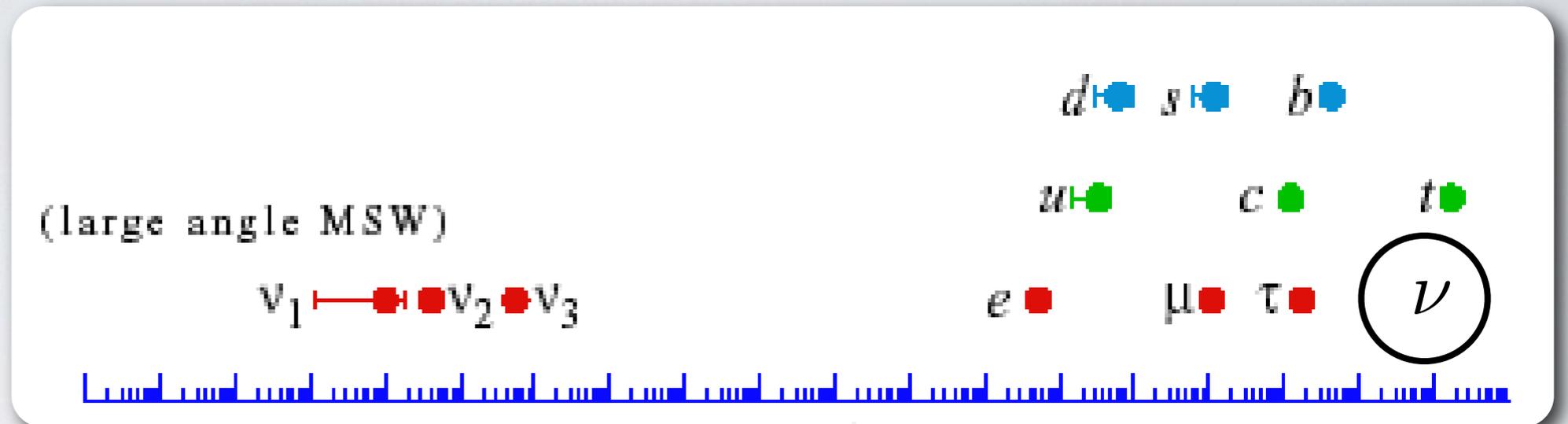
Extension of Standard Model



$$m_\nu = \frac{\alpha v^2}{\Lambda} \equiv Y_N^T \frac{v^2}{M_N} Y_N$$

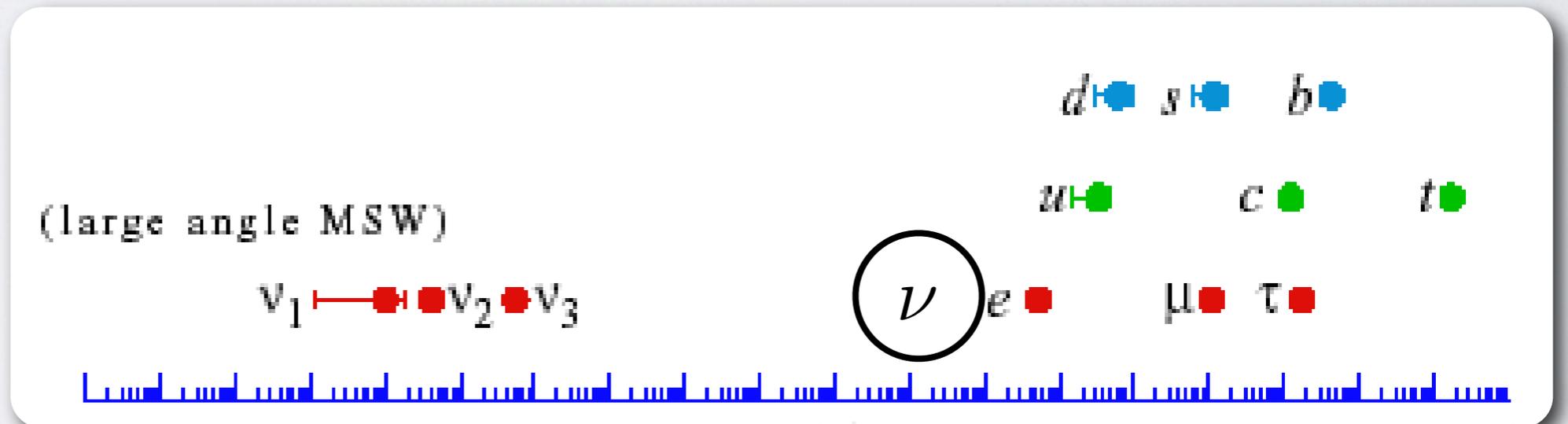
See-saw model & neutrino masses

$$M_N = \text{GUT}$$



Yukawa

$$M_N = \text{TeV}$$



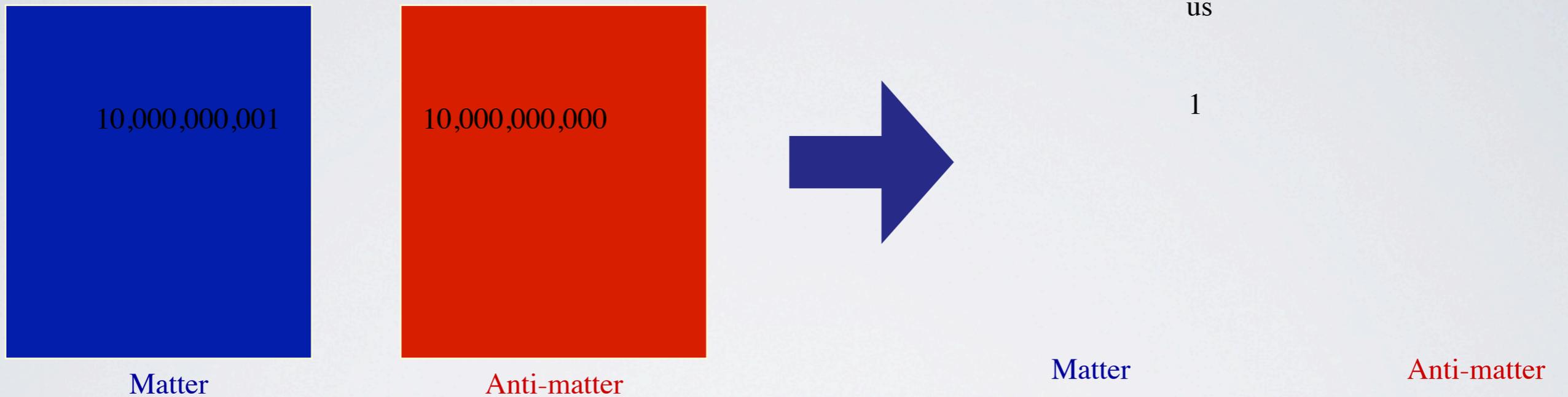
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The mystery of the missing antimatter



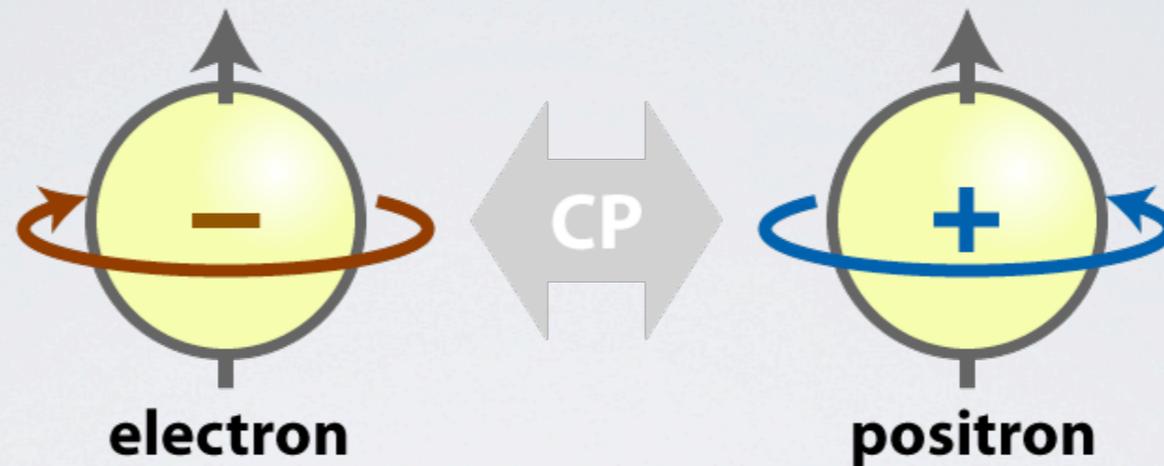
- The Big-Bang theory of the origin of the Universe requires matter and antimatter to be equally abundant at the very hot beginning

The great annihilation



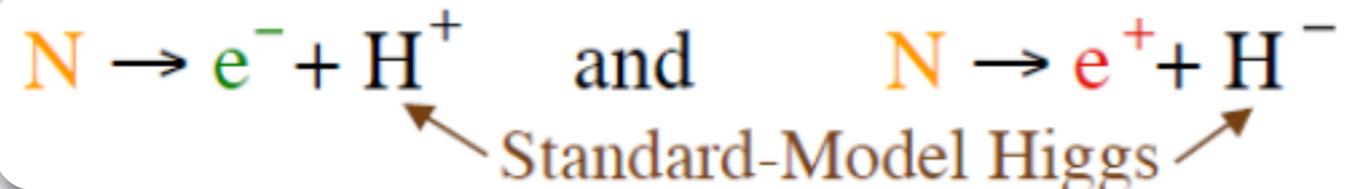
What generated the asymmetry between matter and antimatter?

CP symmetry



- Nature violates CP conservation. We have experimental evidence of it in the quark sector. This means that the mirror world of antiparticles is not identical to the world of particles.
- Neutrinos could also violate CP, although this has not yet been established experimentally.

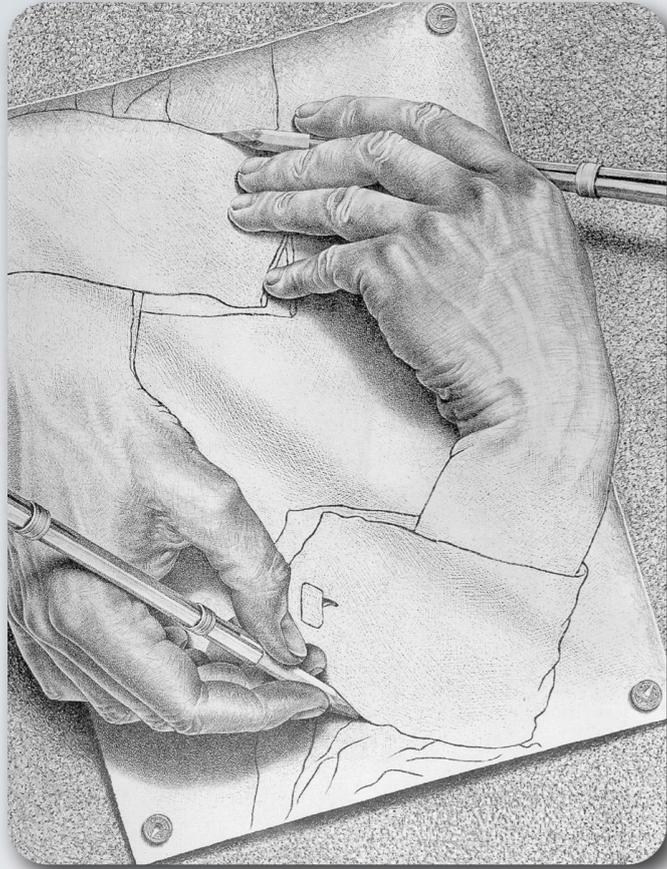
CP violation and Majorana neutrinos



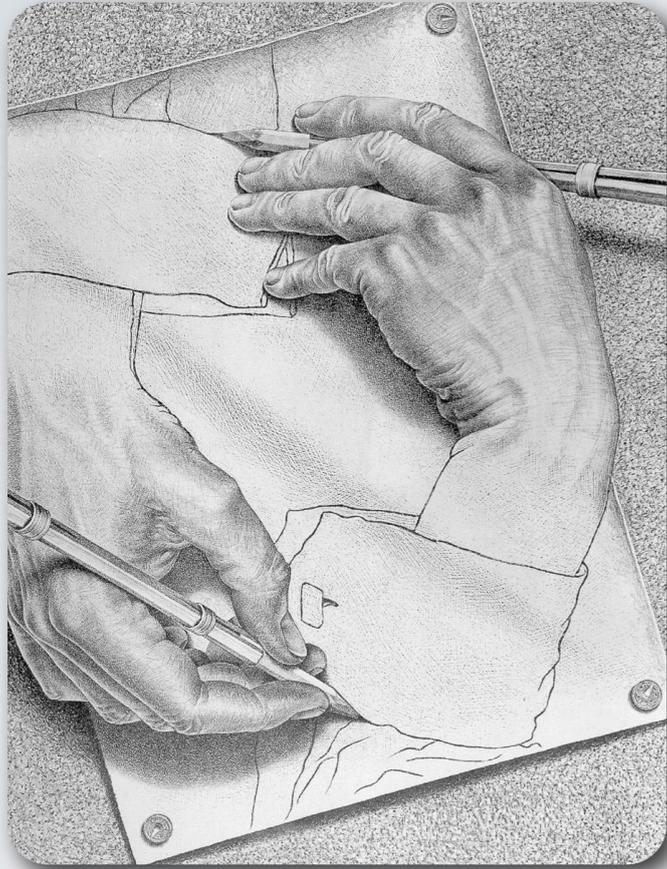
- If there is CP violation in the lepton sector, the heavy Majorana neutrino N can violate CP too and decay with different rates to electrons and positrons. This results in an unequal number of leptons and antileptons in the early universe
- Leptonic asymmetry is later transferred to baryons, resulting in...

The Universe

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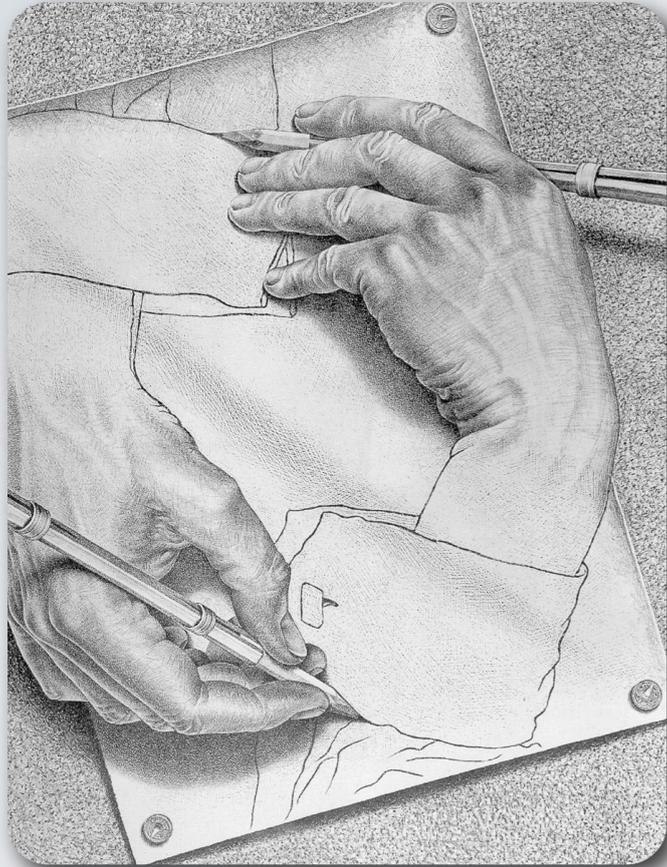


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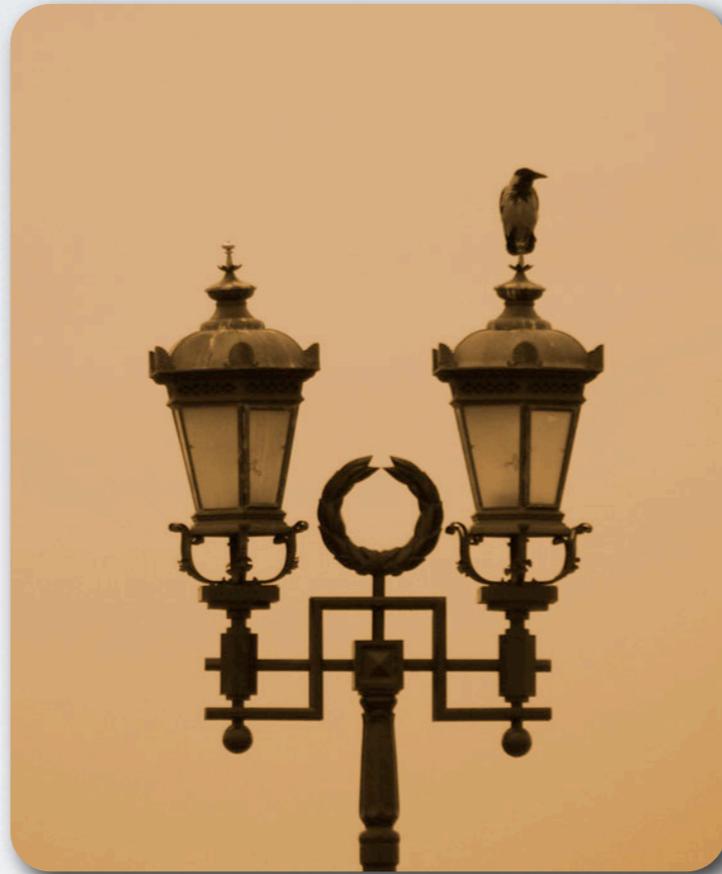


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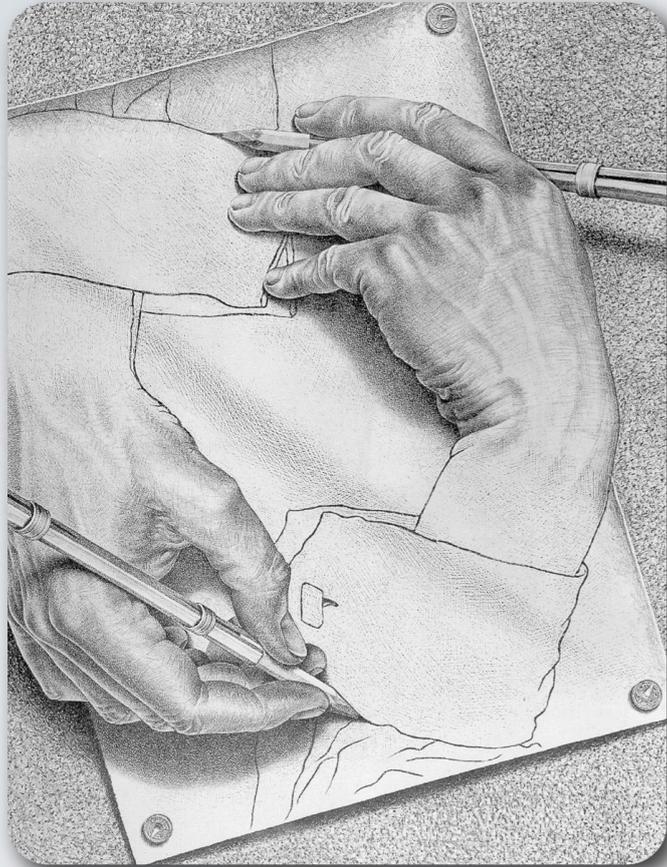
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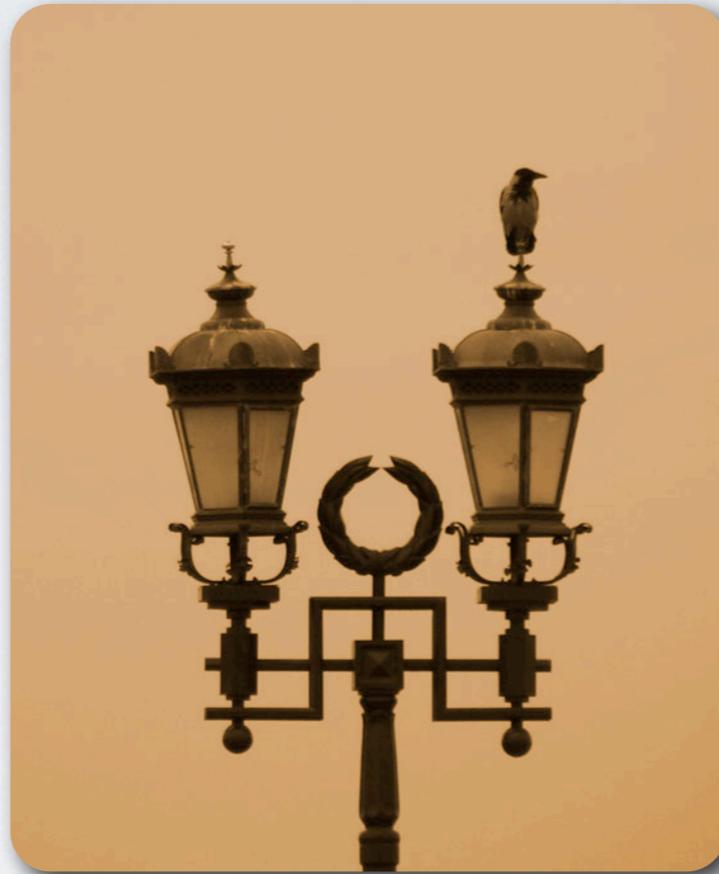
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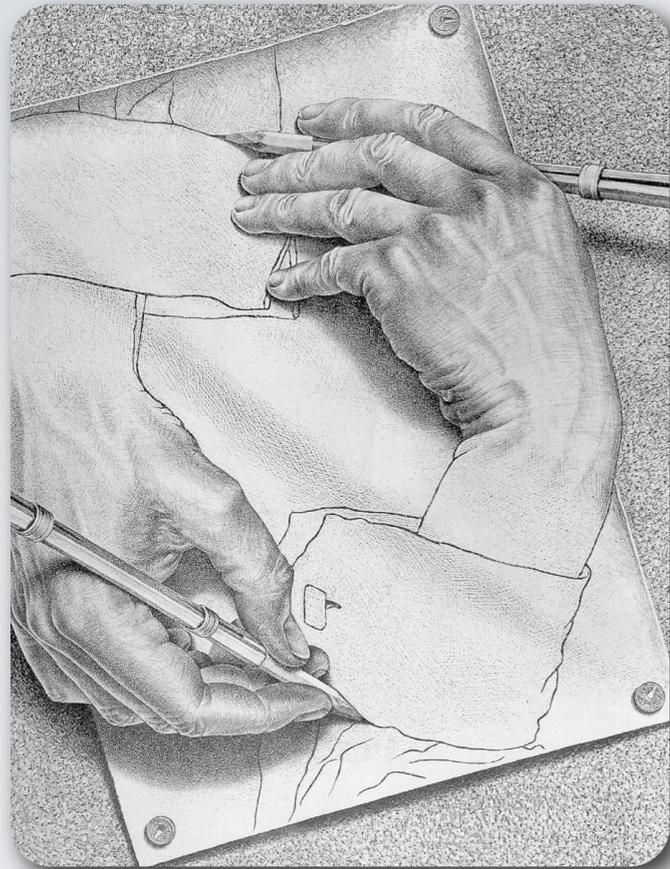


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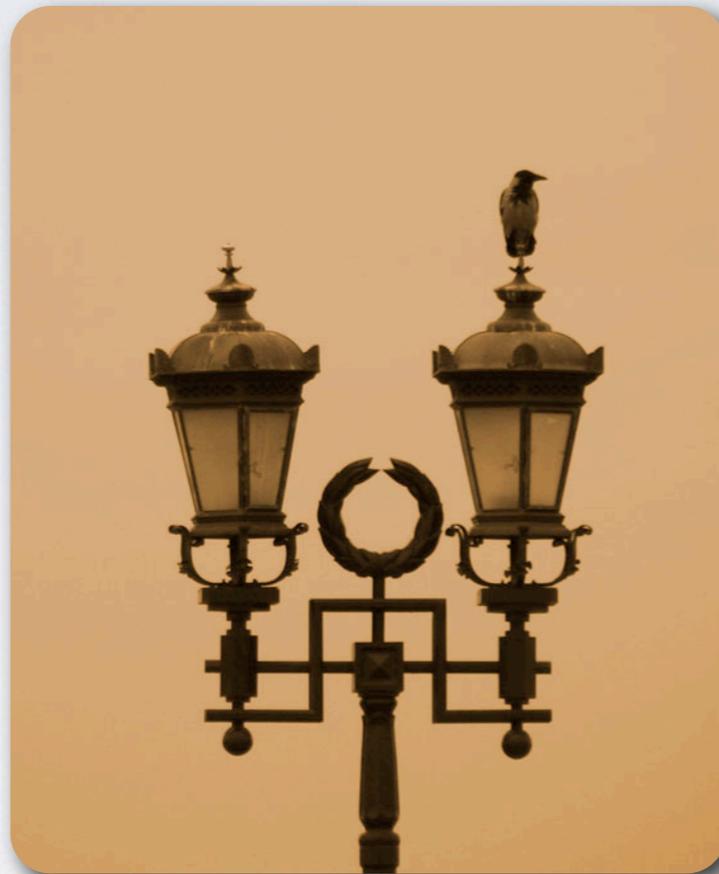


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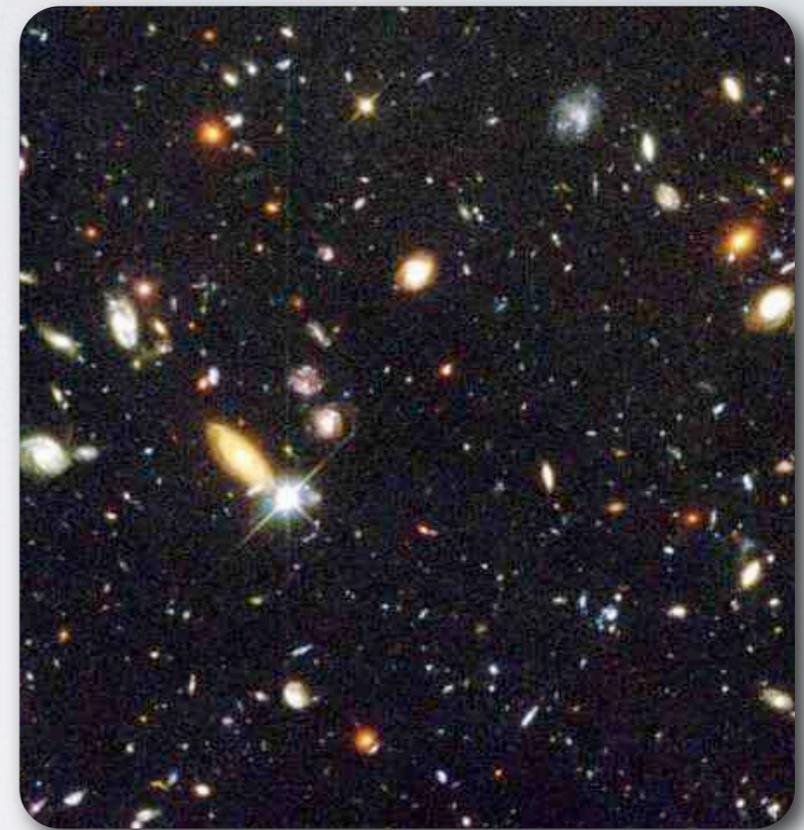
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Are neutrino Majorana particles? How to find out



Reiner Knizia

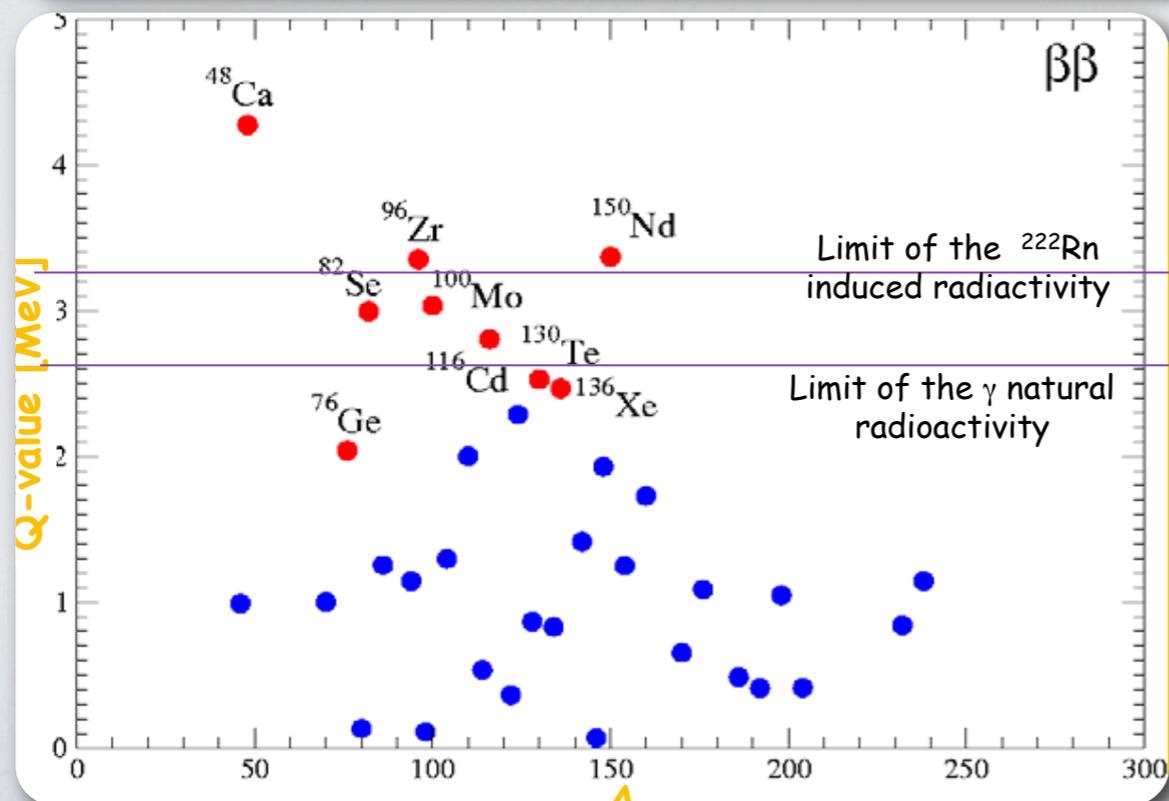
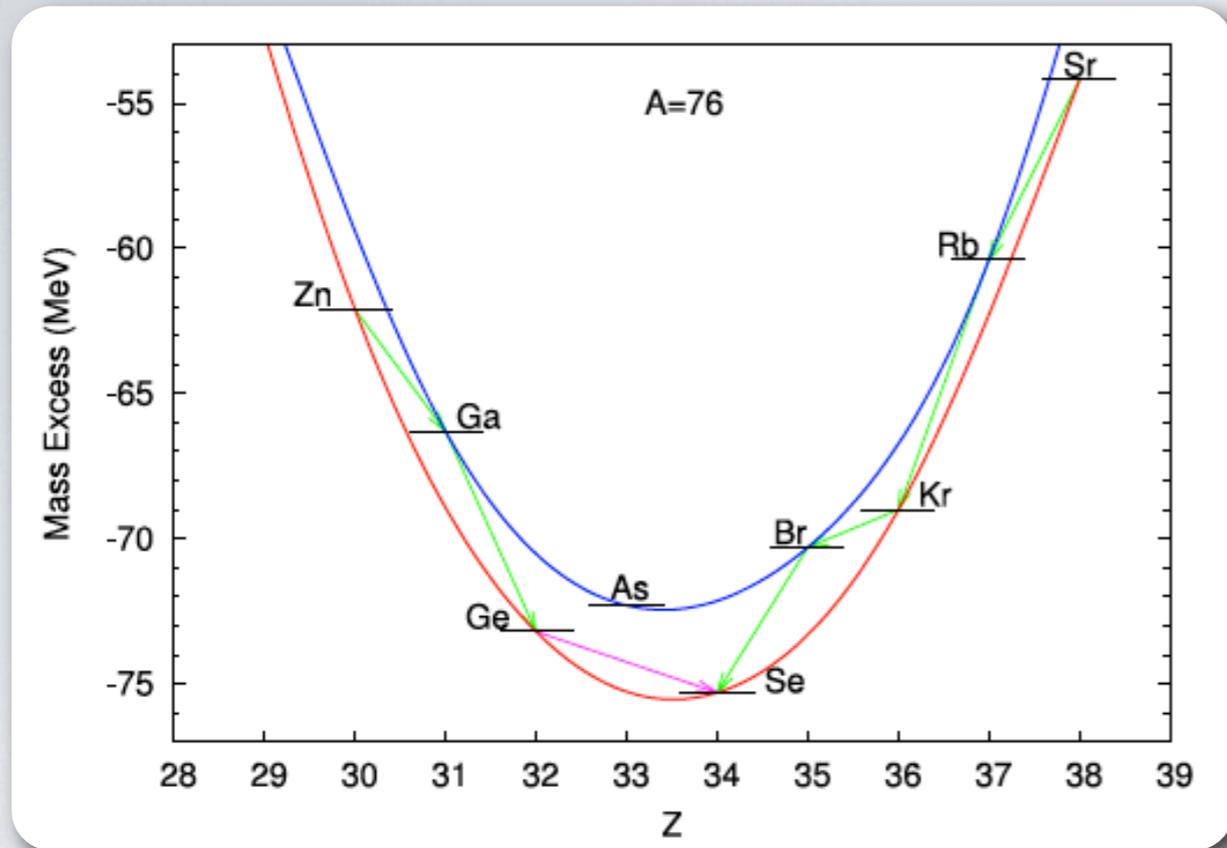
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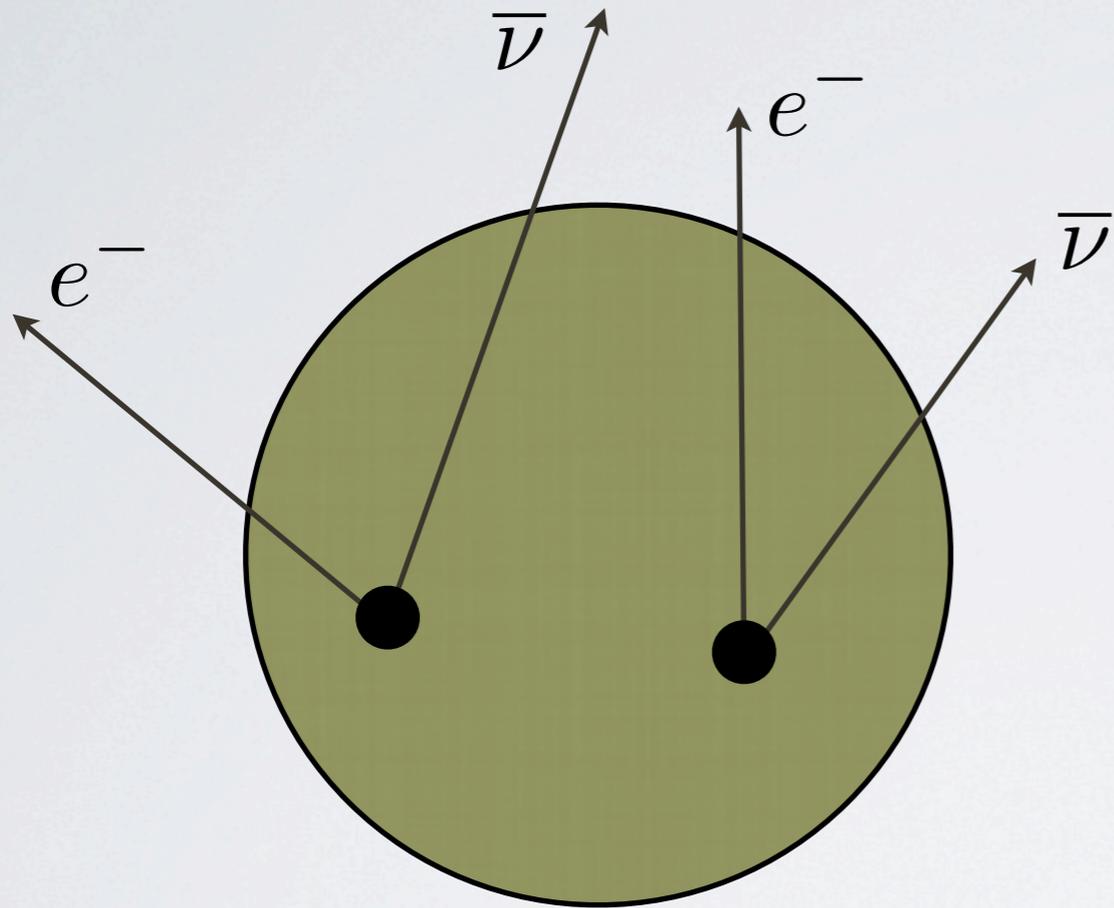
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Double beta decay



- Some nuclei, otherwise quasi stable can decay by emitting two electrons and two neutrinos by a second order process mediated by the weak interaction.
- This process exists due to nuclear pairing interaction that favors energetically the even-even isobars over the odd-odd ones.

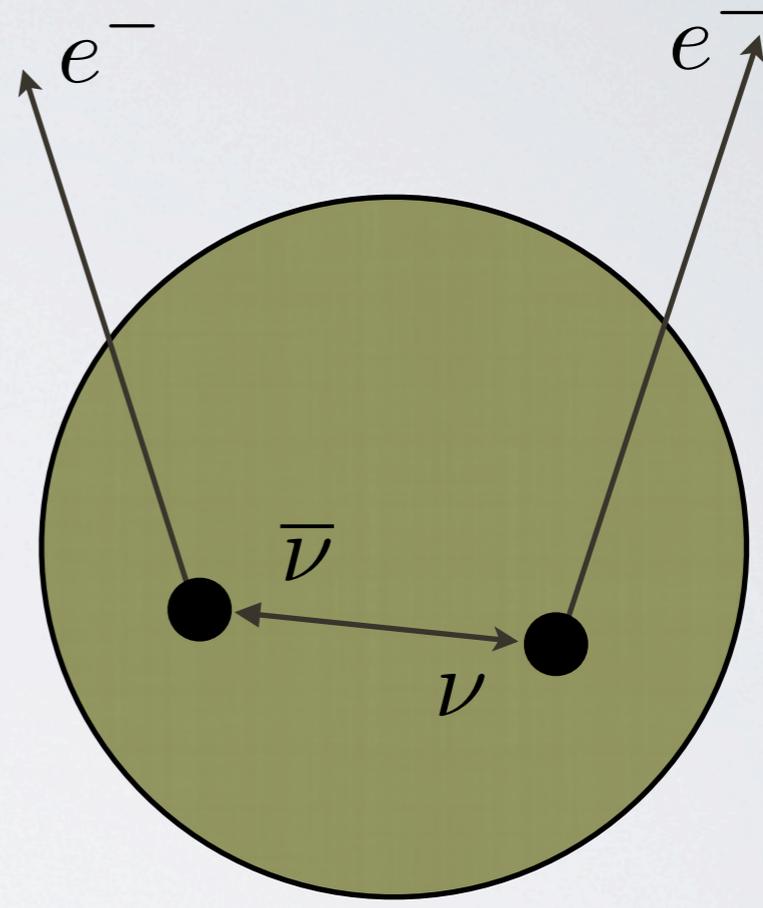
Double beta decay



$\beta\beta 2\nu$

SM-allowed process.
Measured in several nuclei.

$$T_{1/2} \sim 10^{18} - 10^{20} \text{ y}$$

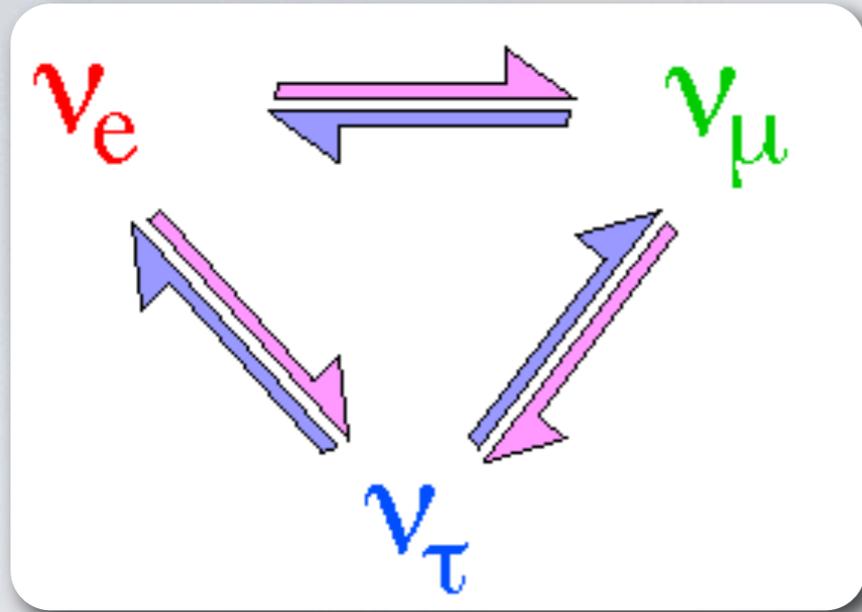


$\beta\beta 0\nu$

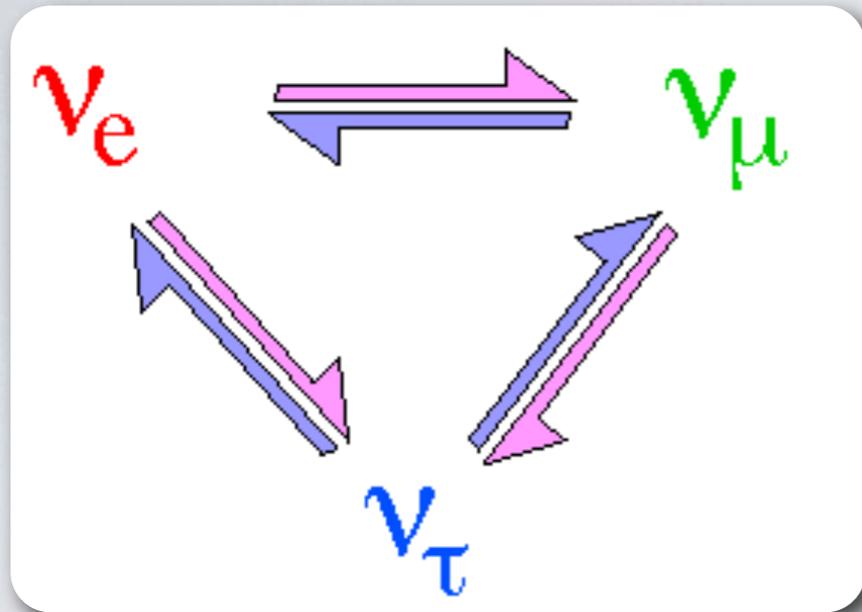
Lepton number violating process.
Requires massive, Majorana neutrinos.

$$T_{1/2} > 10^{25} \text{ y}$$

Neutrino oscillations

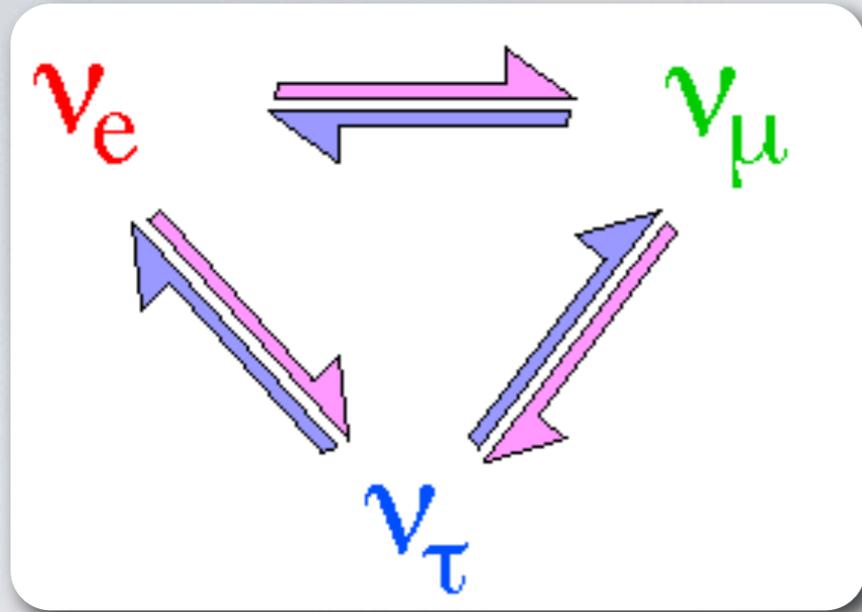


Neutrino oscillations



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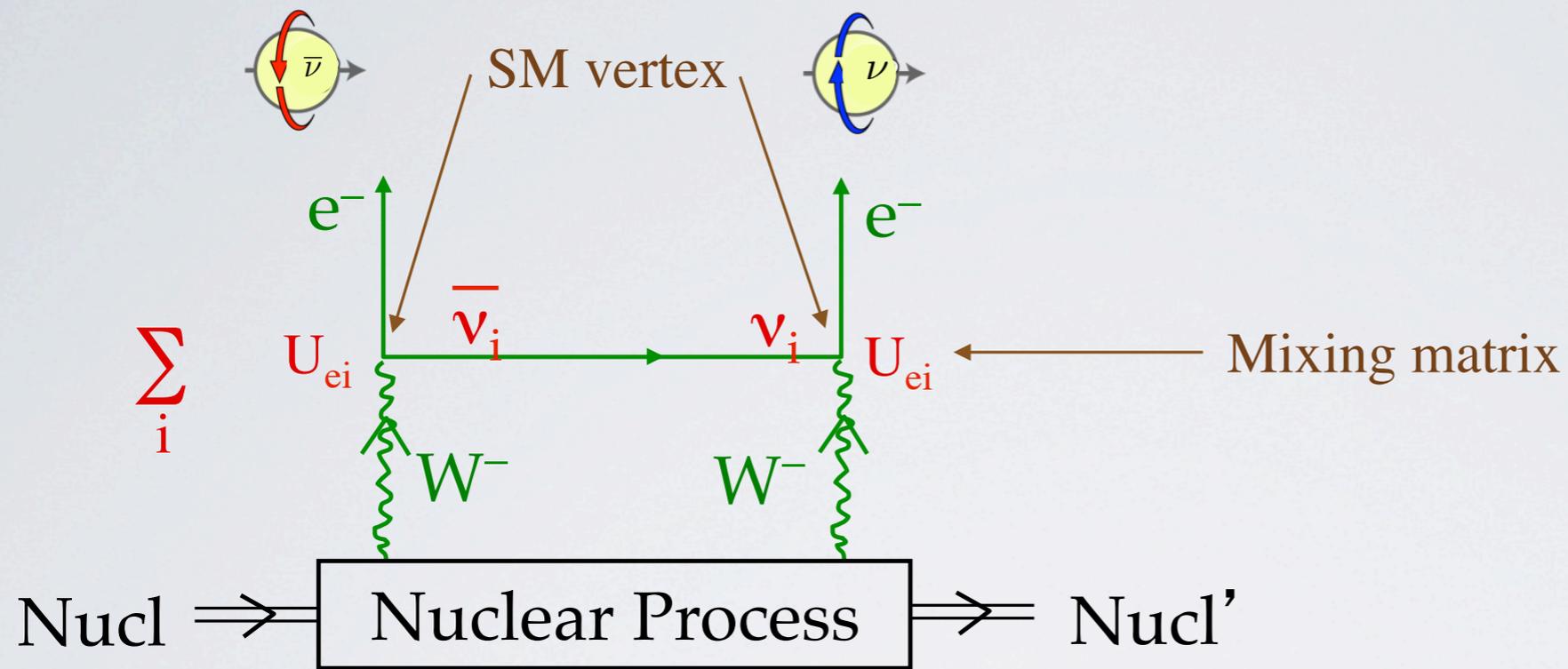


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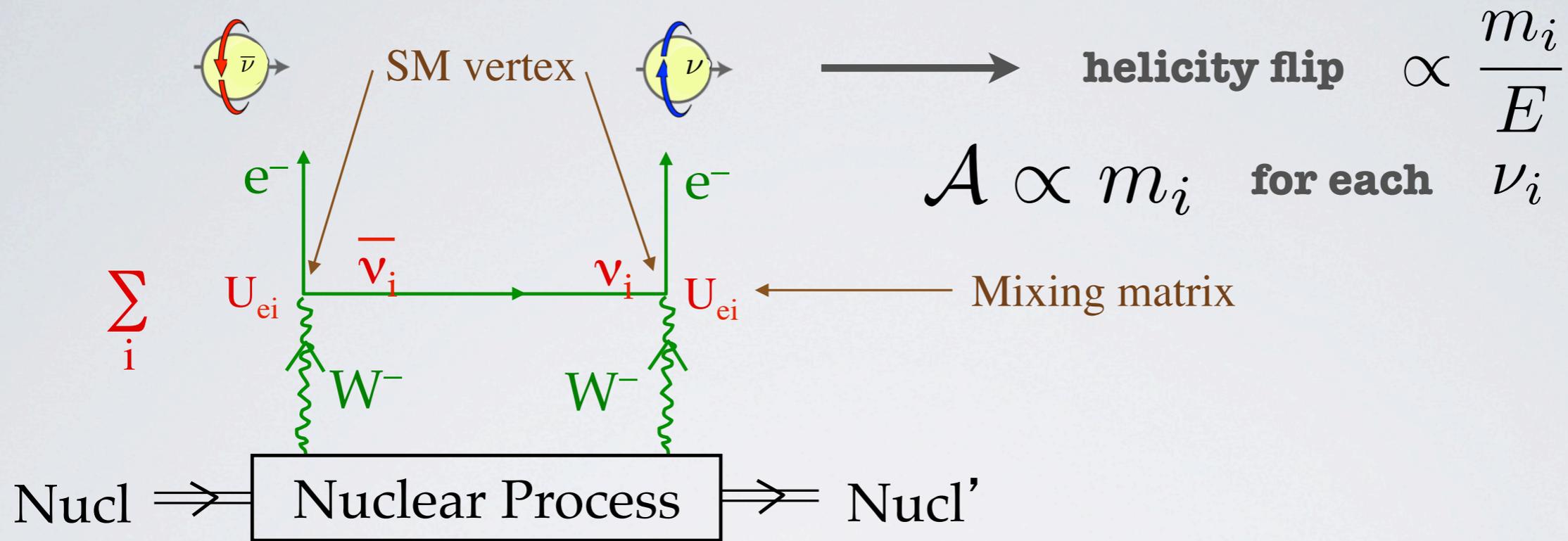
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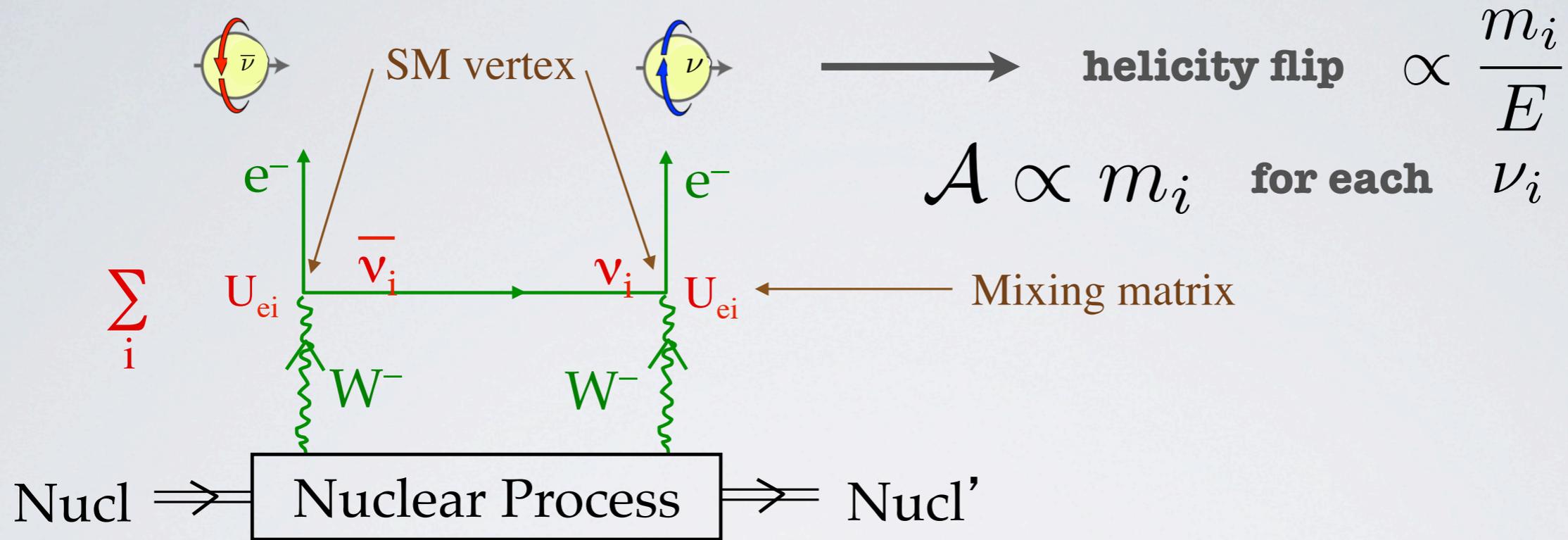
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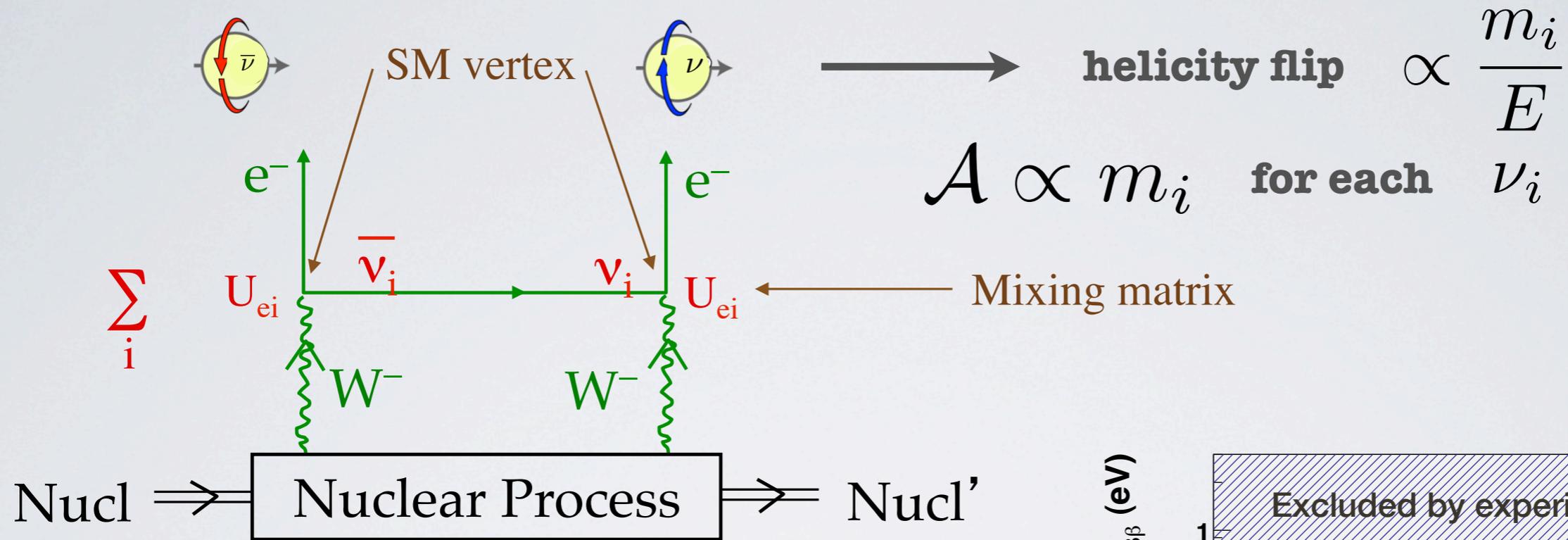
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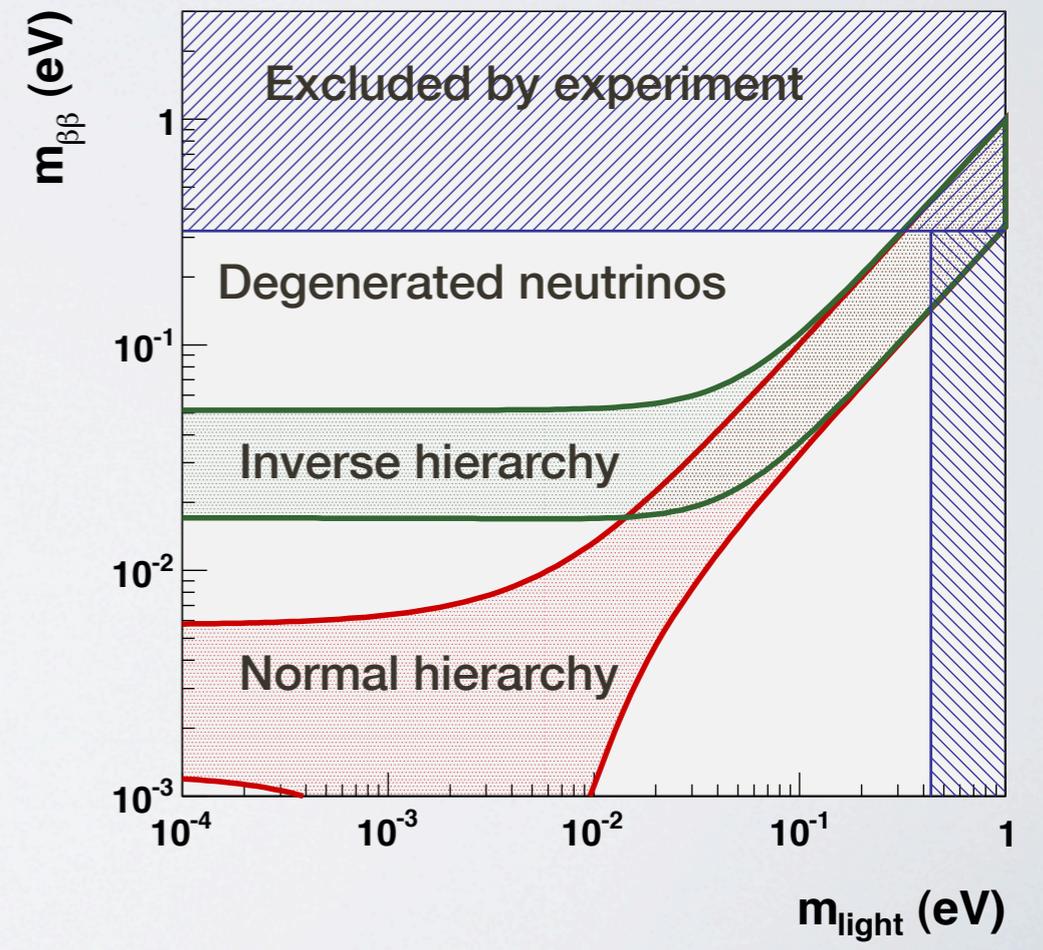
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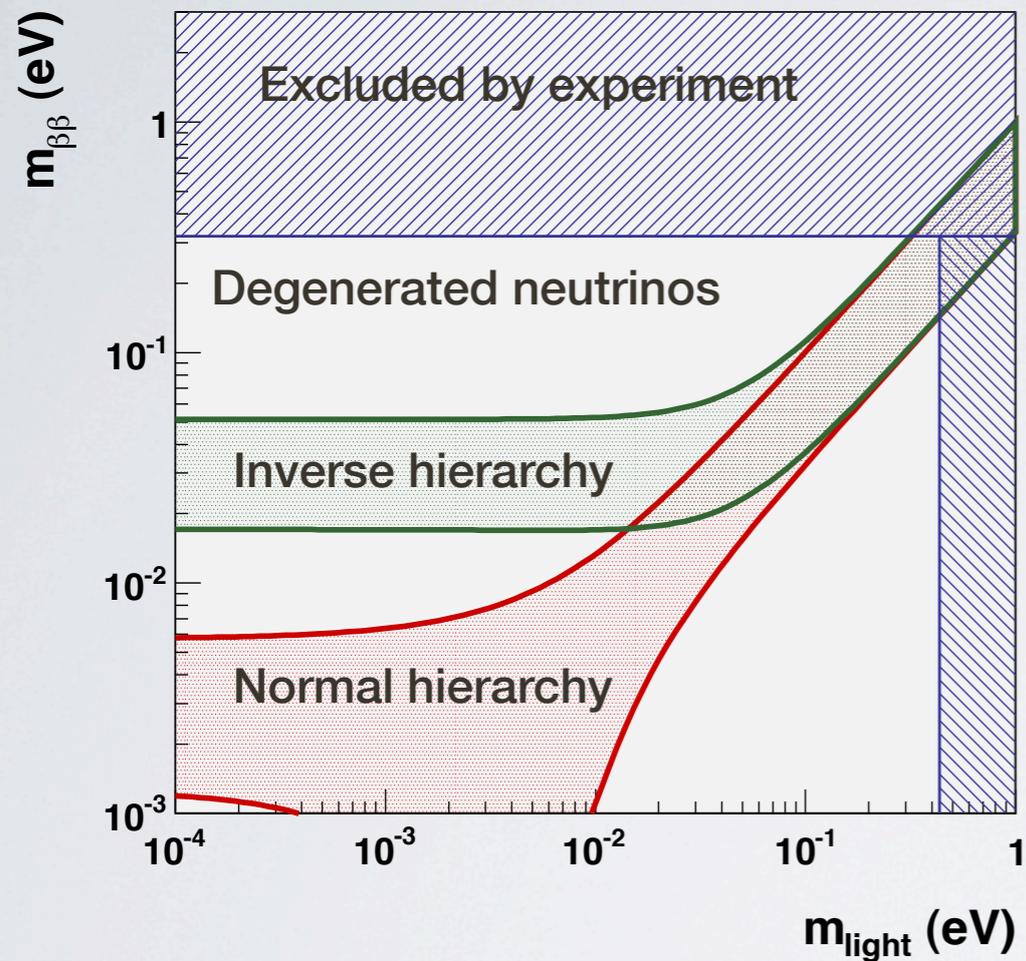


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phase-space

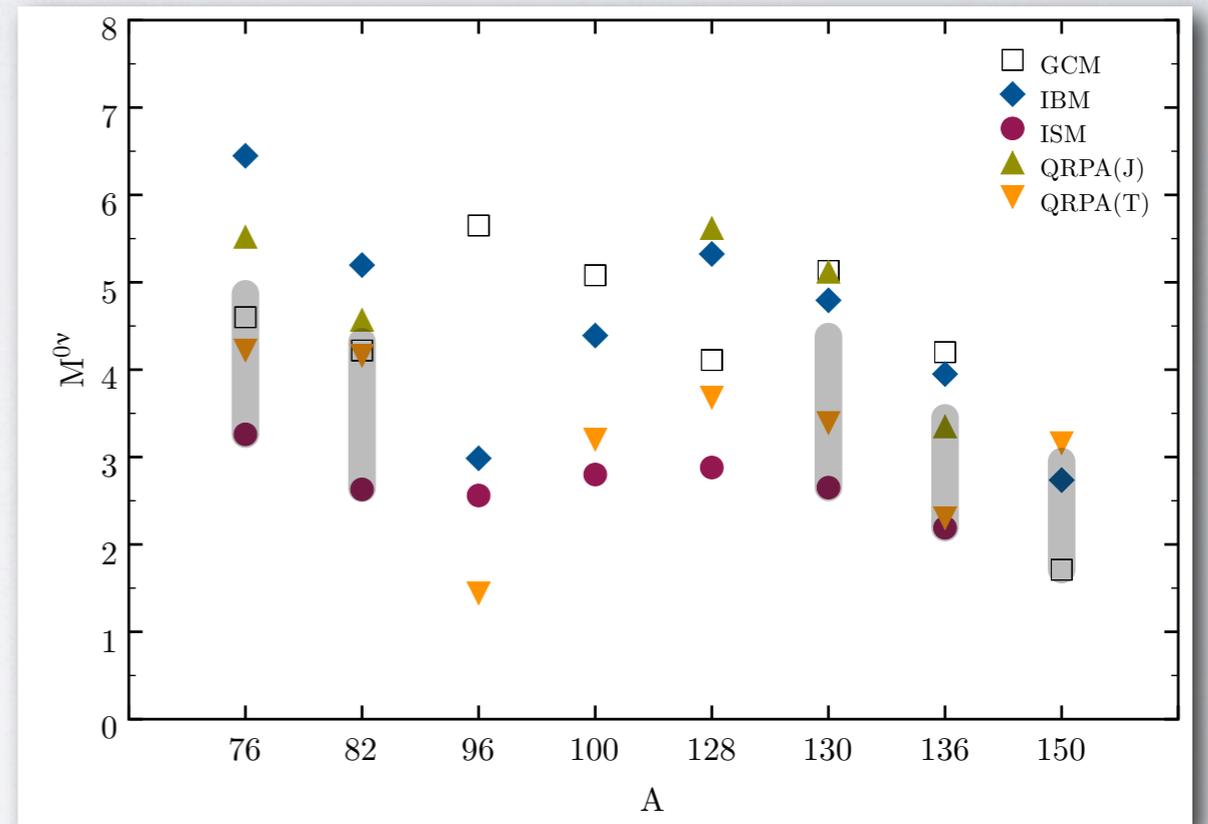
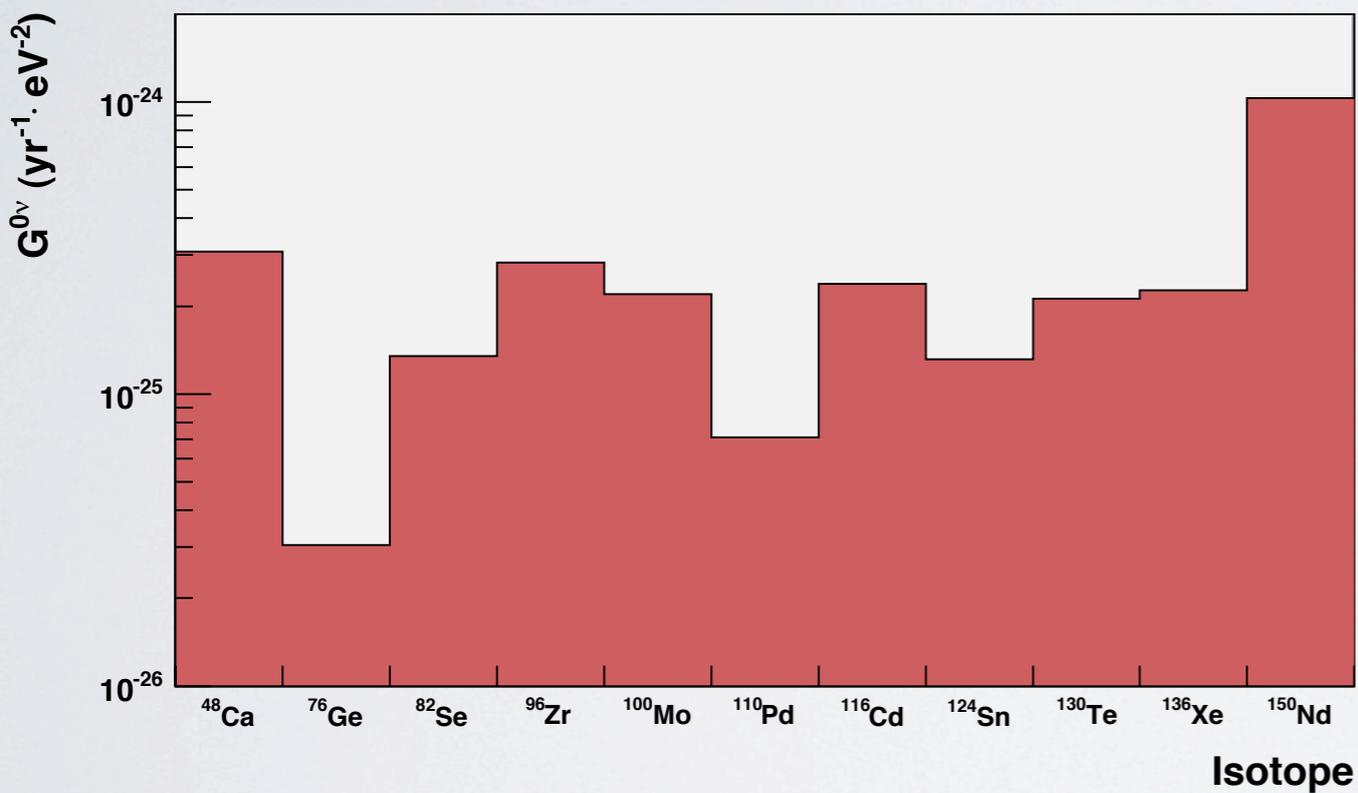
nuclear matrix

Majorana neutrino

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Nuclear physics

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Experimental challenges



Building an ideal experiment



Photo by Nym Park

How to build your $\beta\beta 0\nu$ experiment



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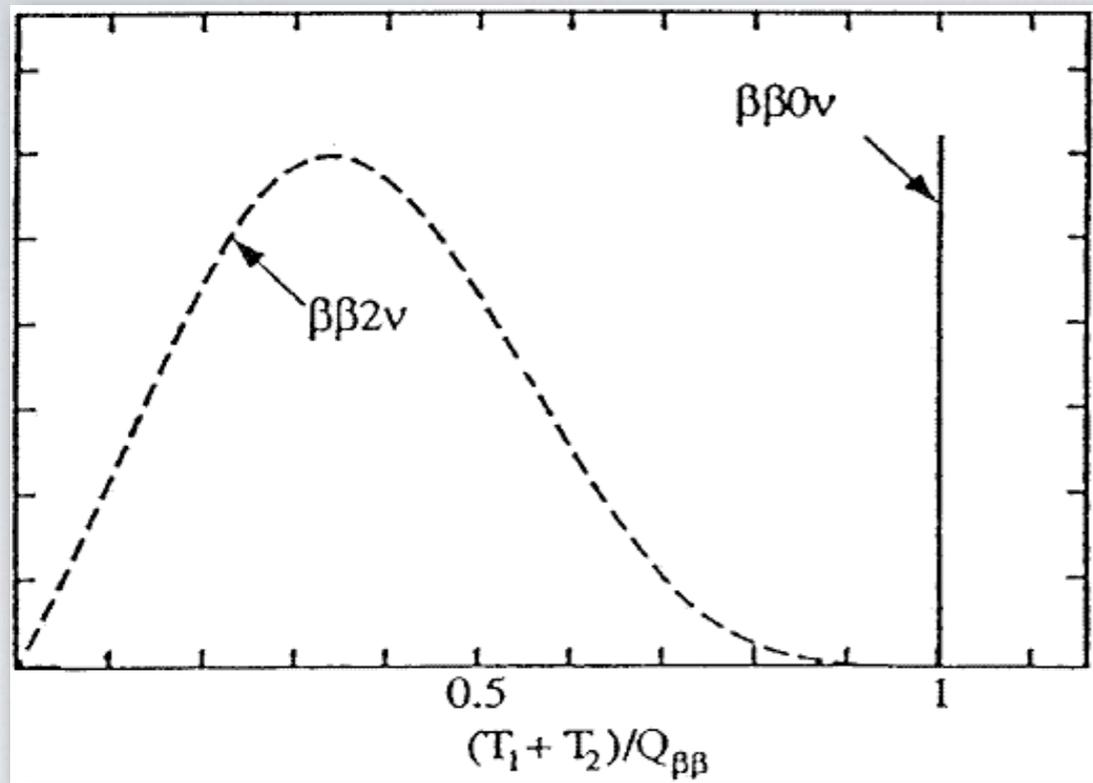
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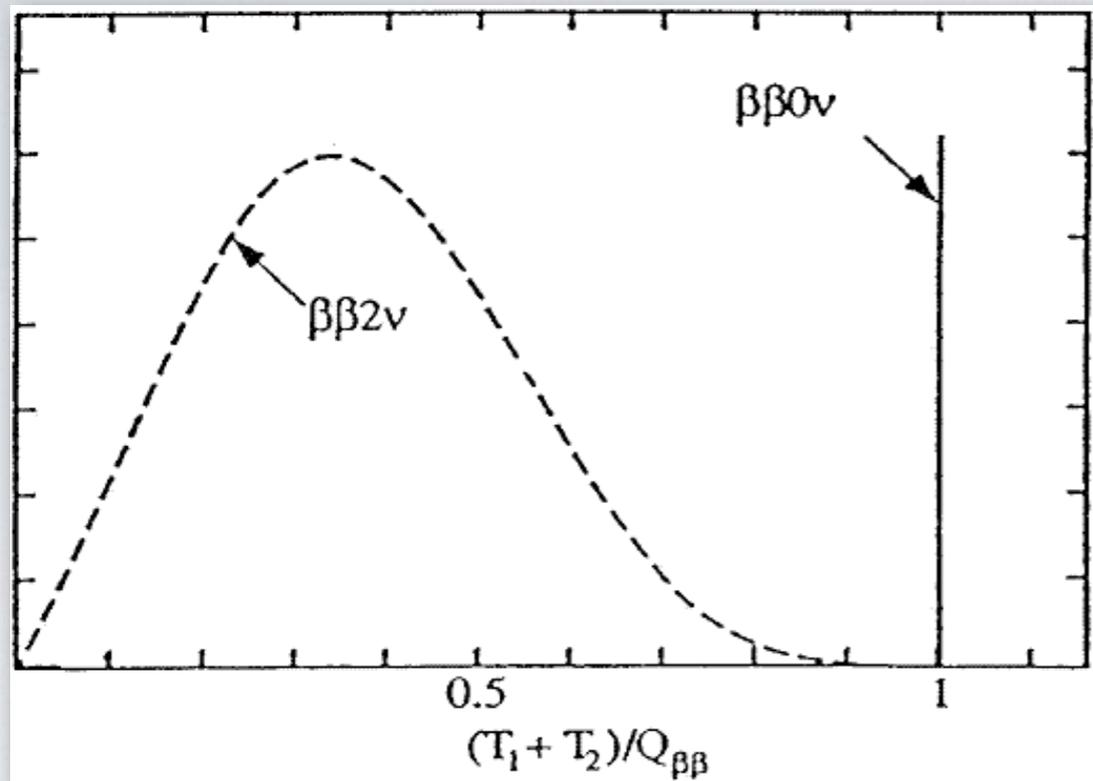
$$M = 100 \text{ kg}, \quad A = 136$$

$$N = \frac{10^5 \cdot 6 \cdot 10^{23}}{136} = 4.4 \cdot 10^{26}$$

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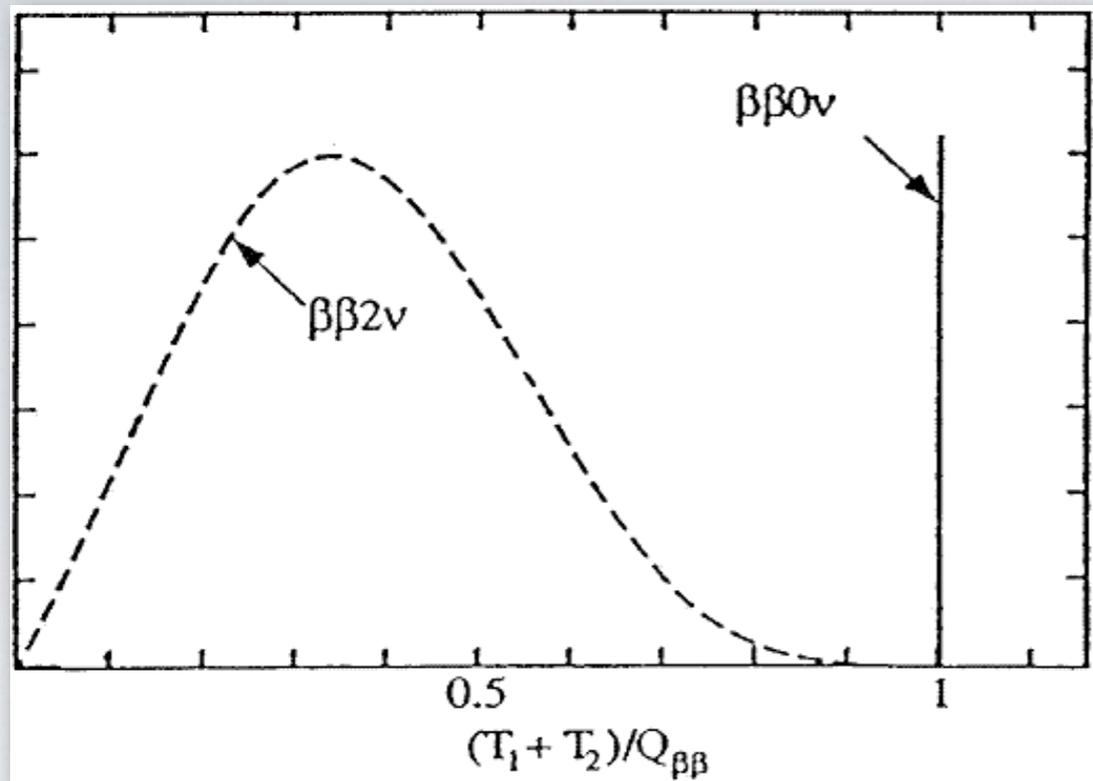


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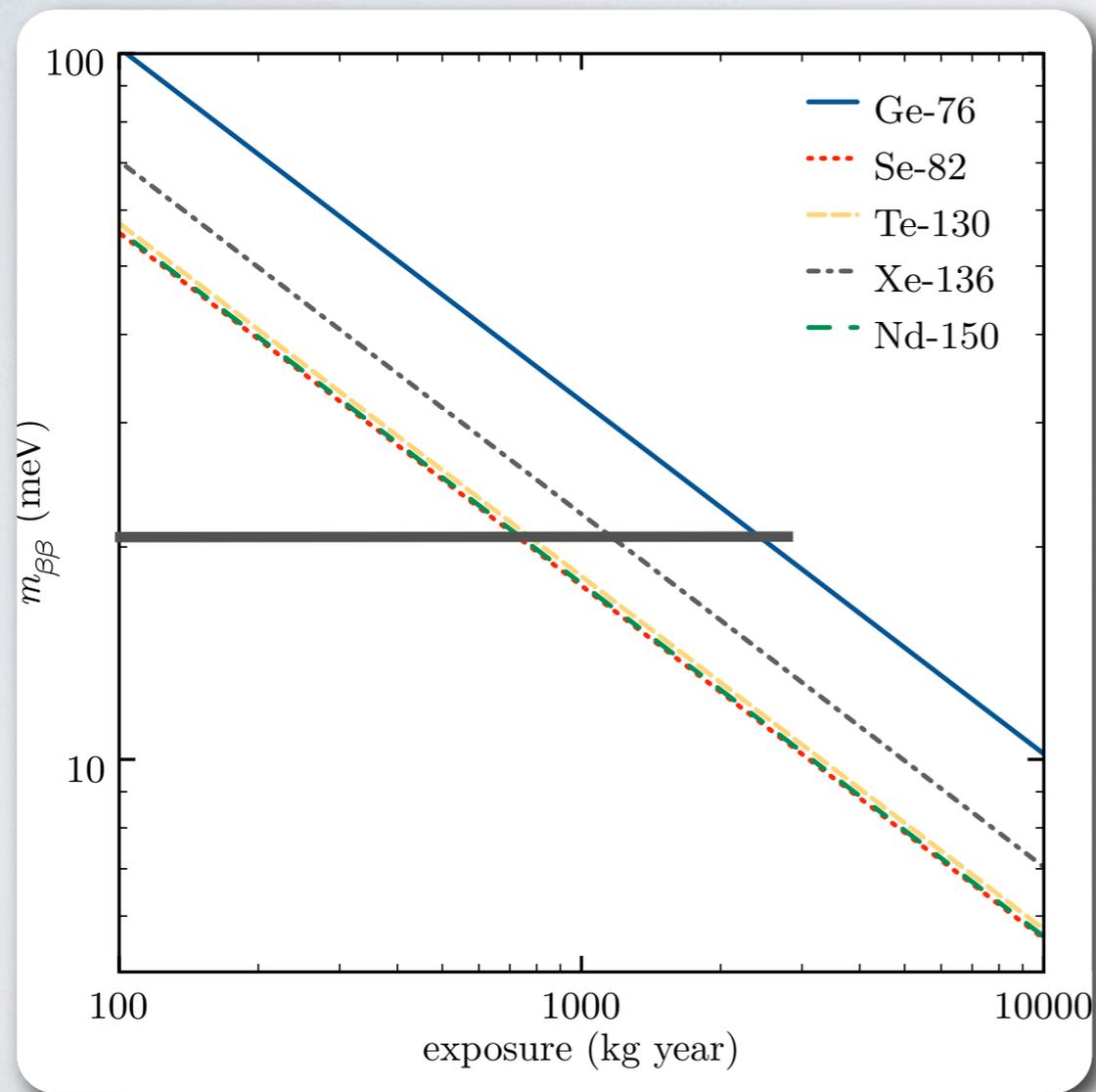


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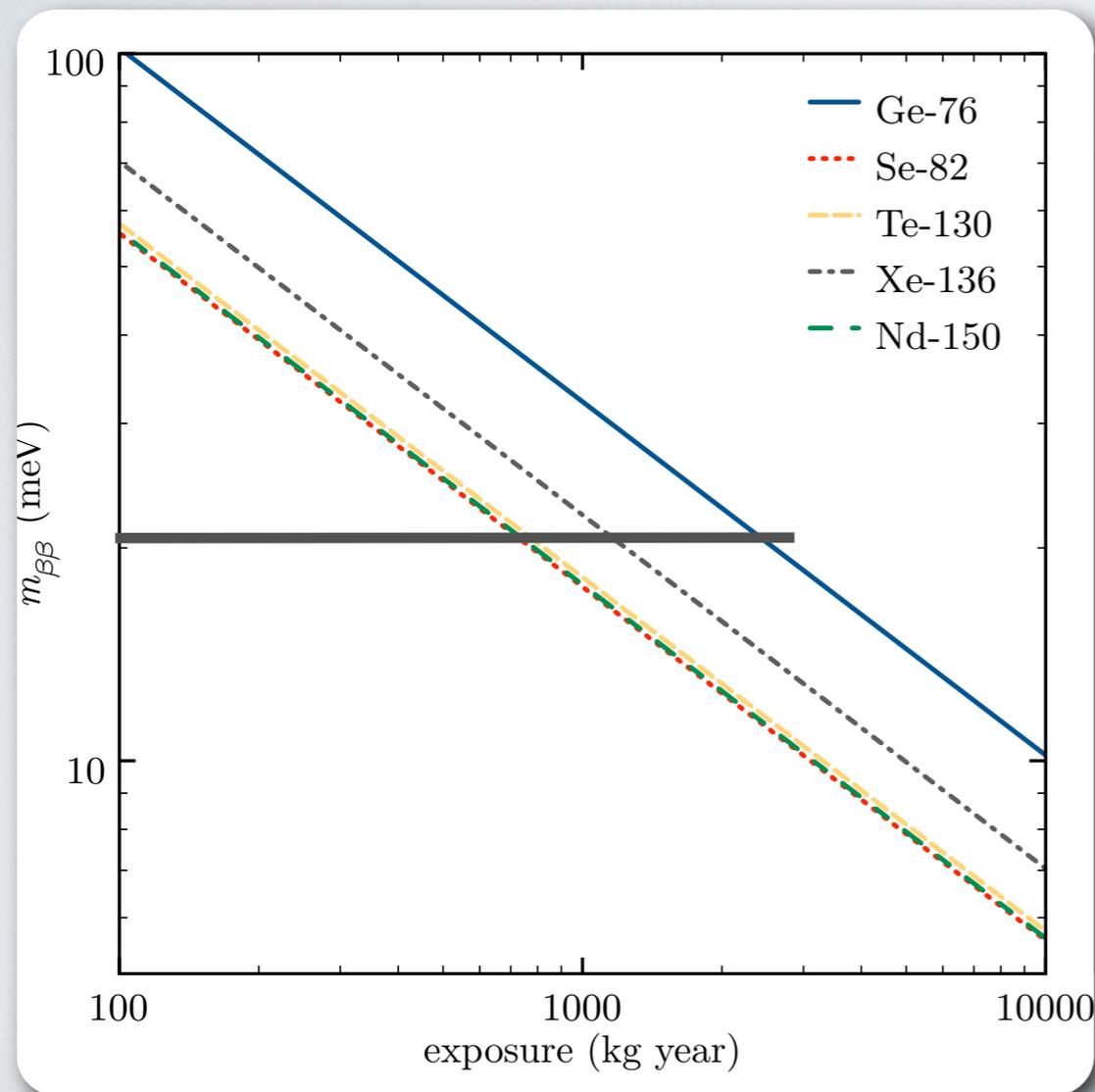
$$T_{1/2} = \log 2 \frac{N_A M t}{A N_{\beta\beta}}$$

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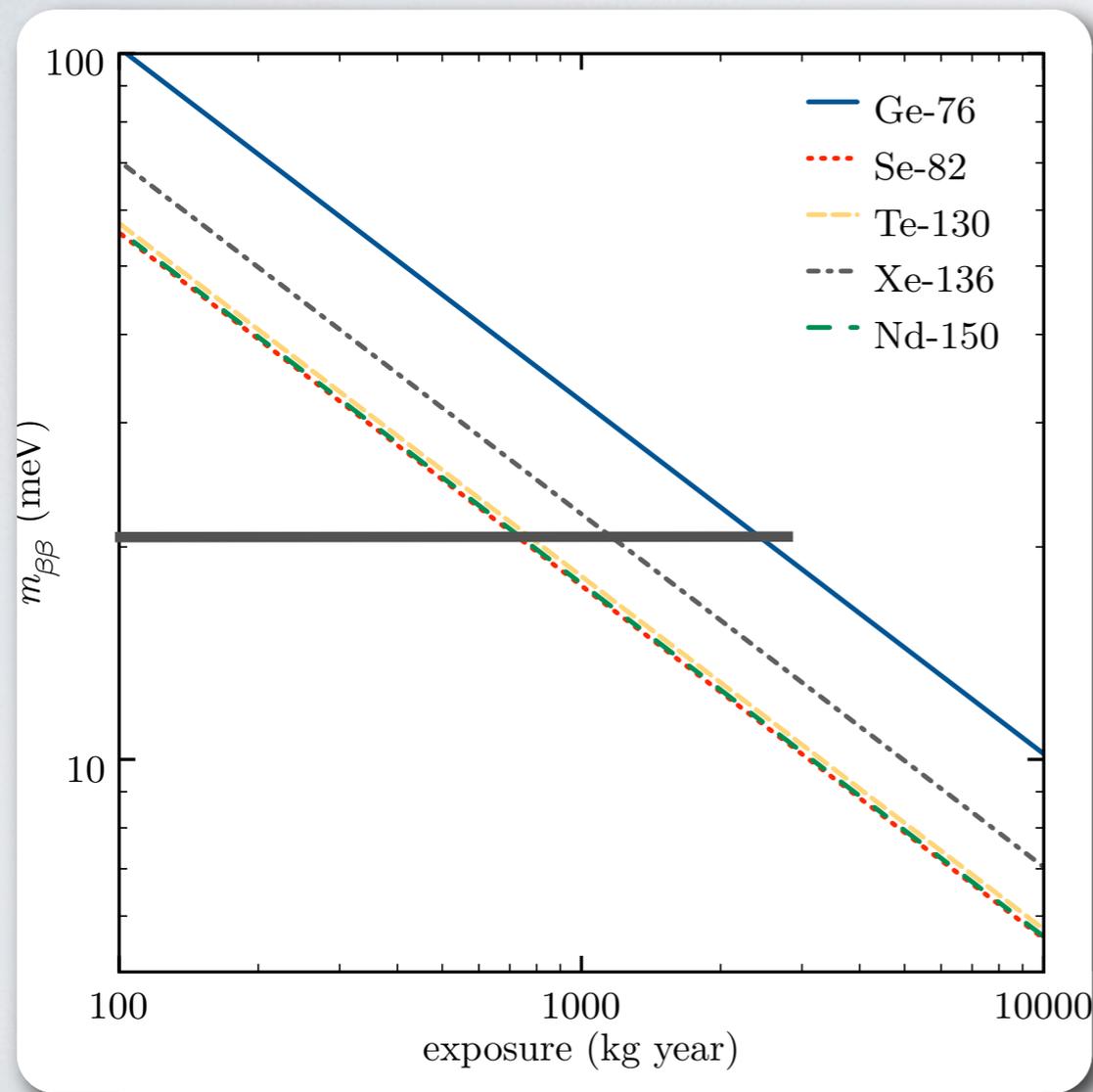


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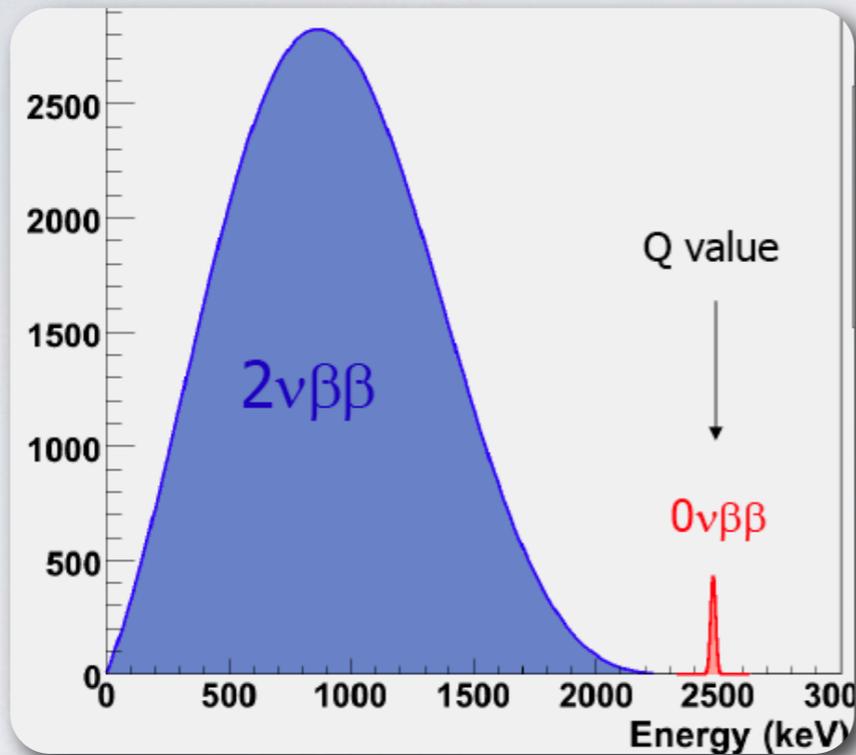
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Energy resolution

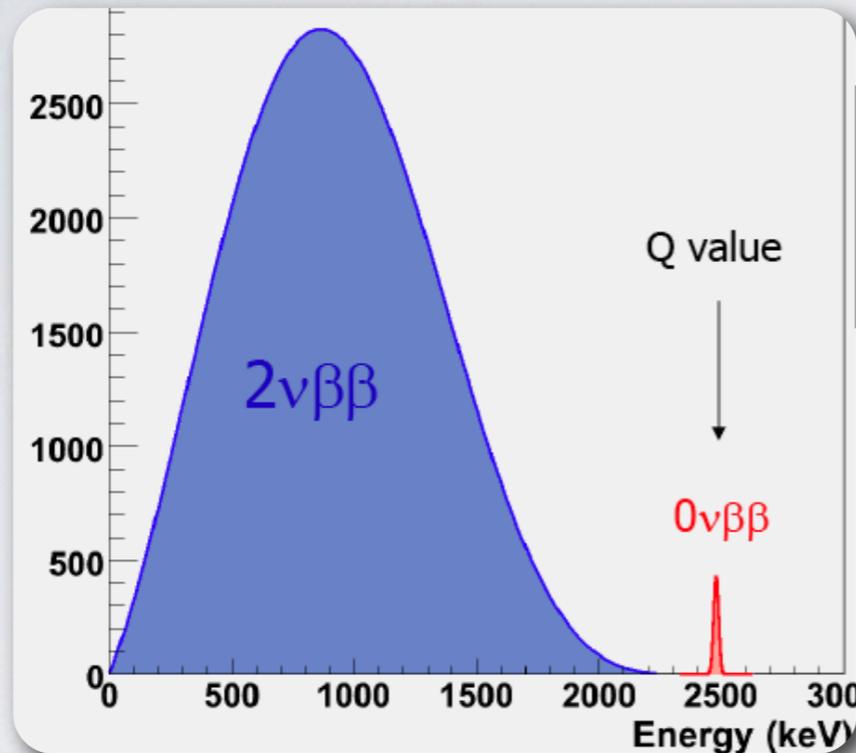


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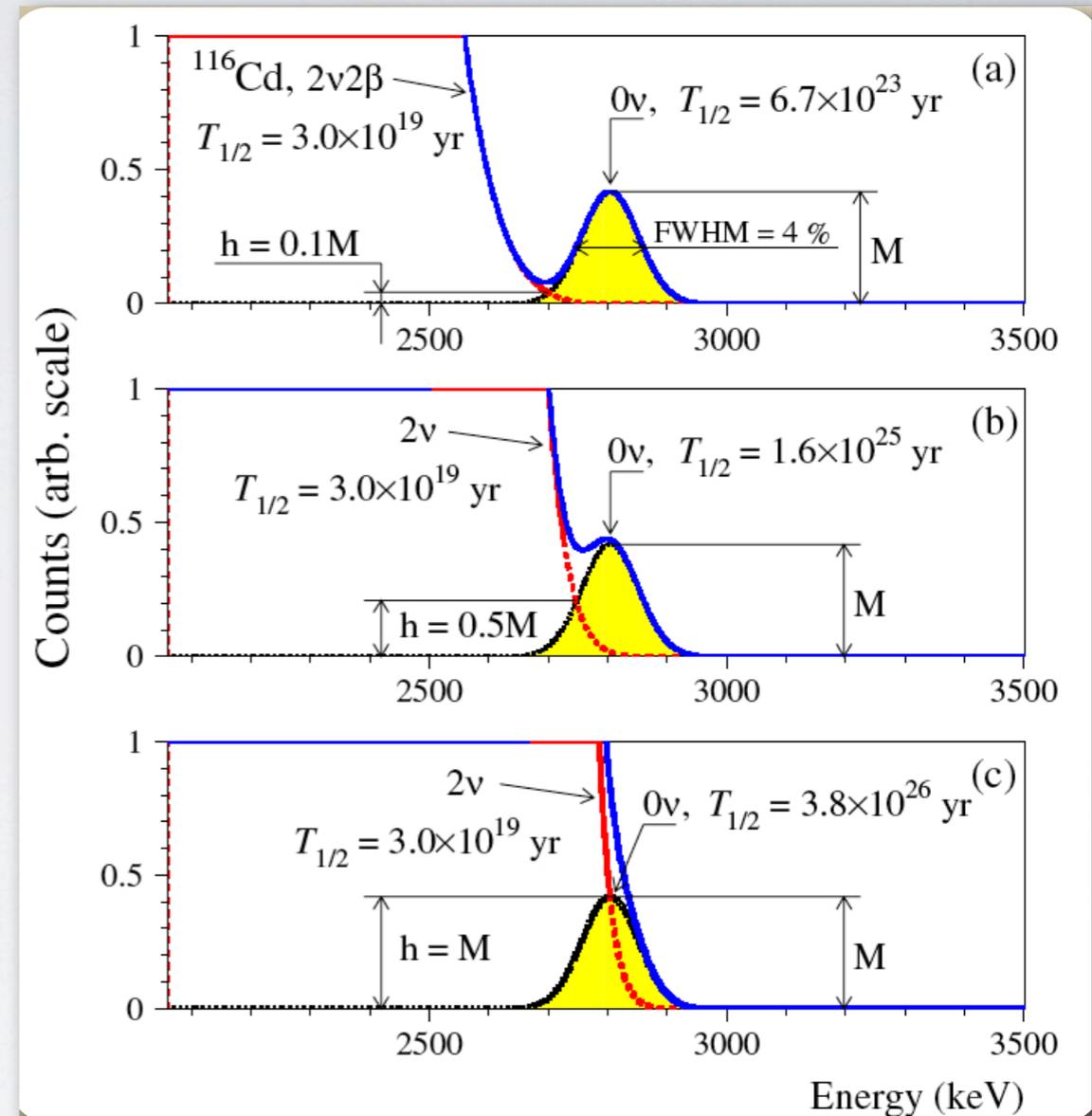
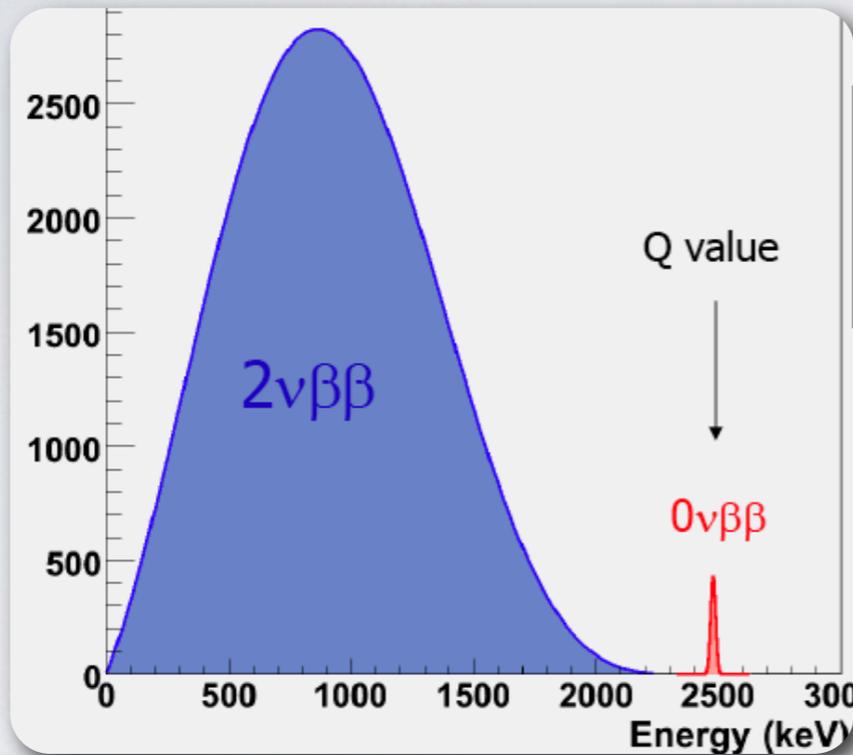
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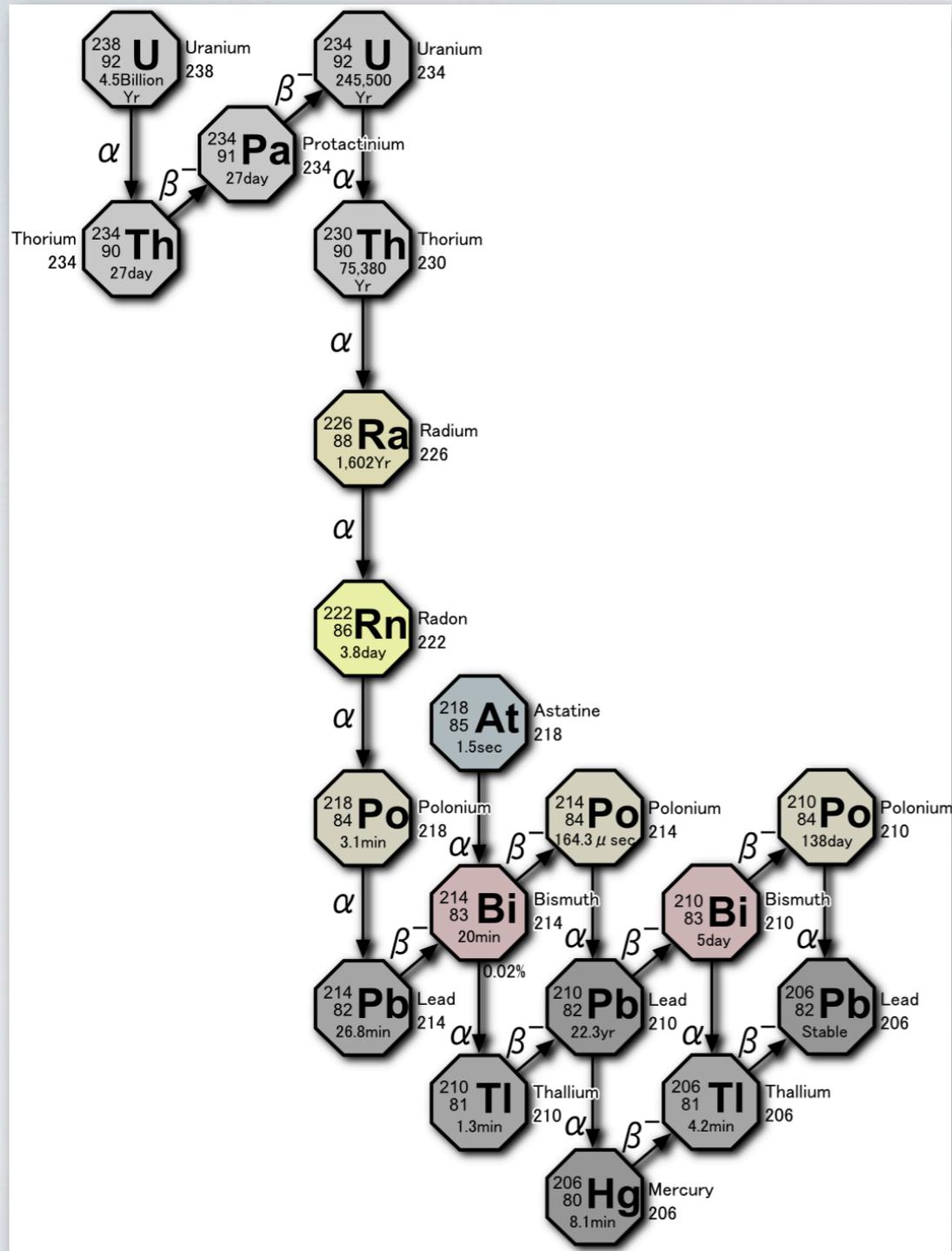
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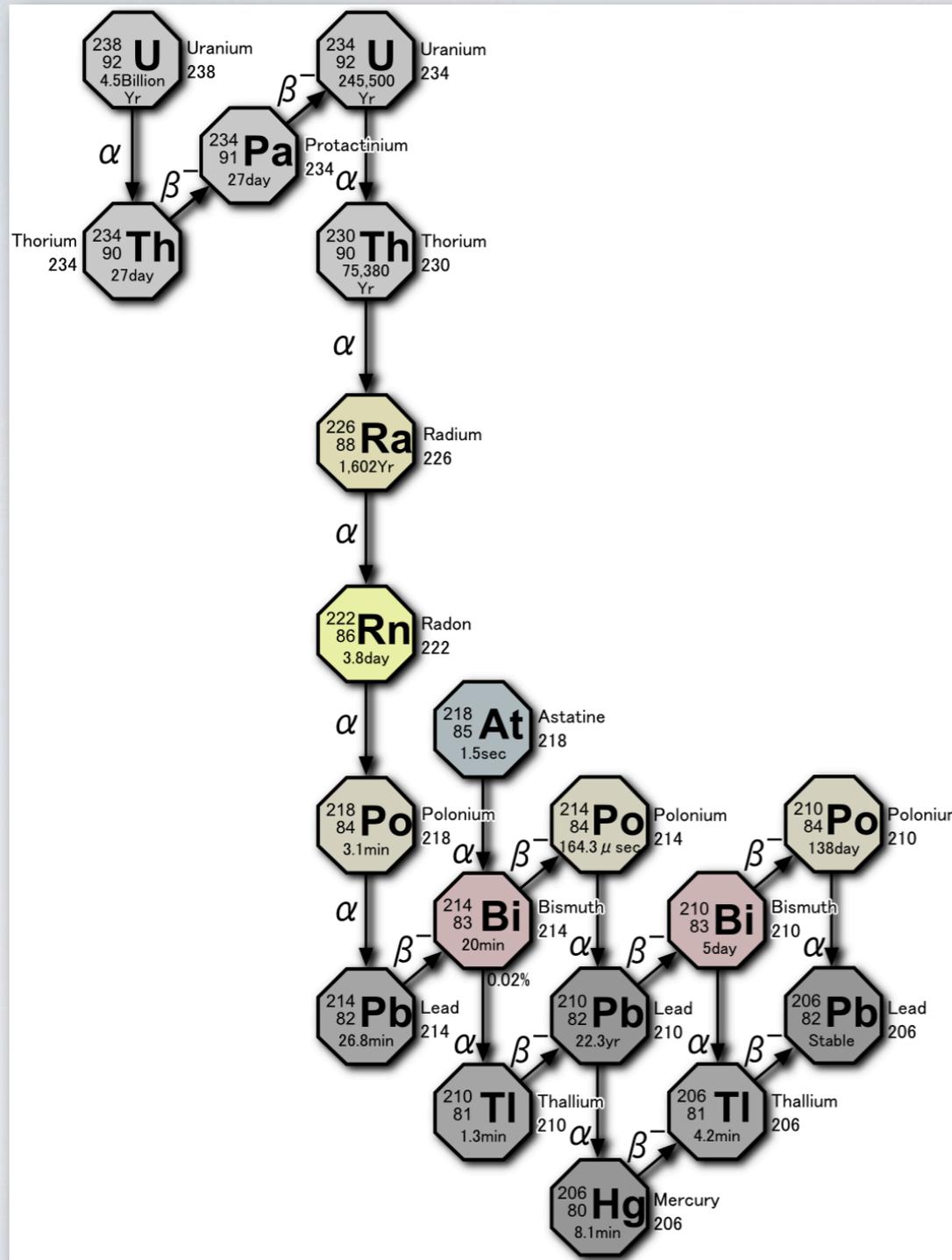
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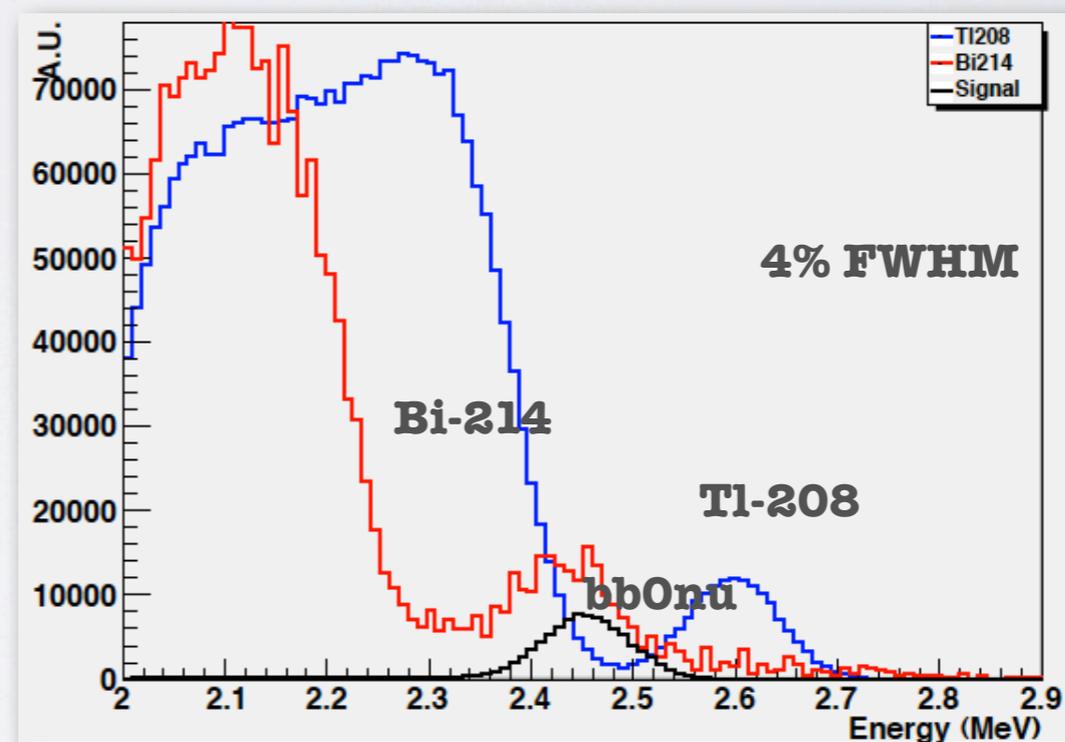
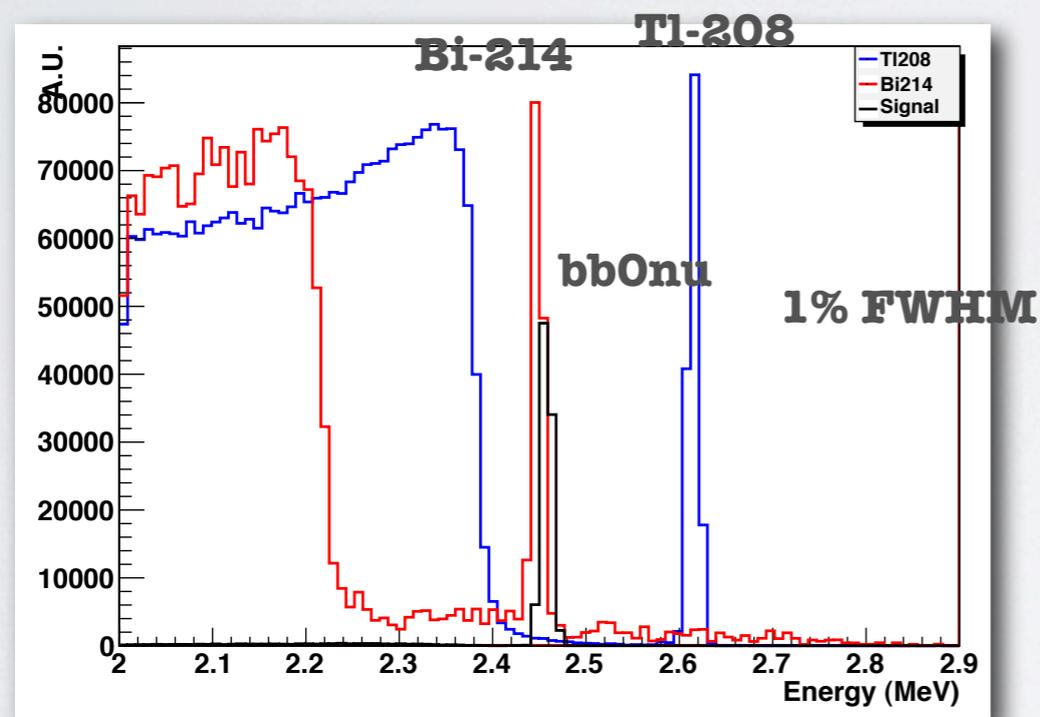
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- But ^{238}U is the least of our problems!
- Earth is a very radioactive planet. There are about 3 grams of ^{238}U and 9 grams of ^{232}Th per ton of rock around us.
- This is an intrinsic activity of the order of 60 Bq/kg of ^{238}U and 90 Bq/kg of ^{232}Th .
- The lifetime of ^{238}U is of the order of 10^9 y and that of ^{232}Th 10^{10} y. We want to explore lifetimes of ^{238}U of the order of 10^{26} y.

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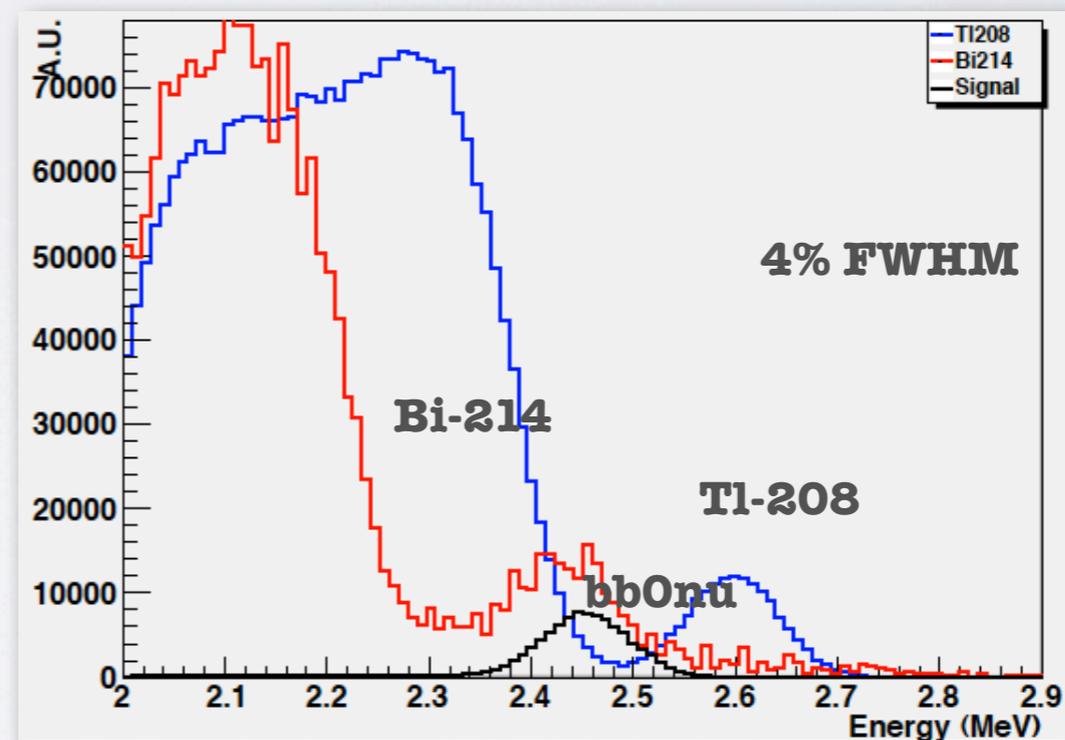
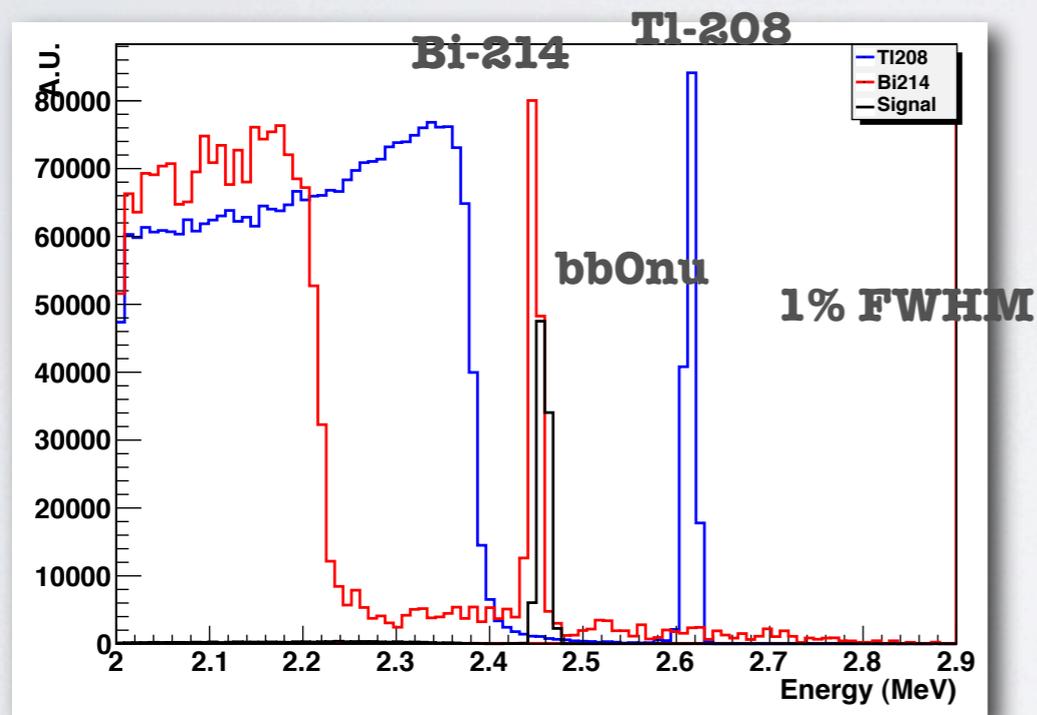


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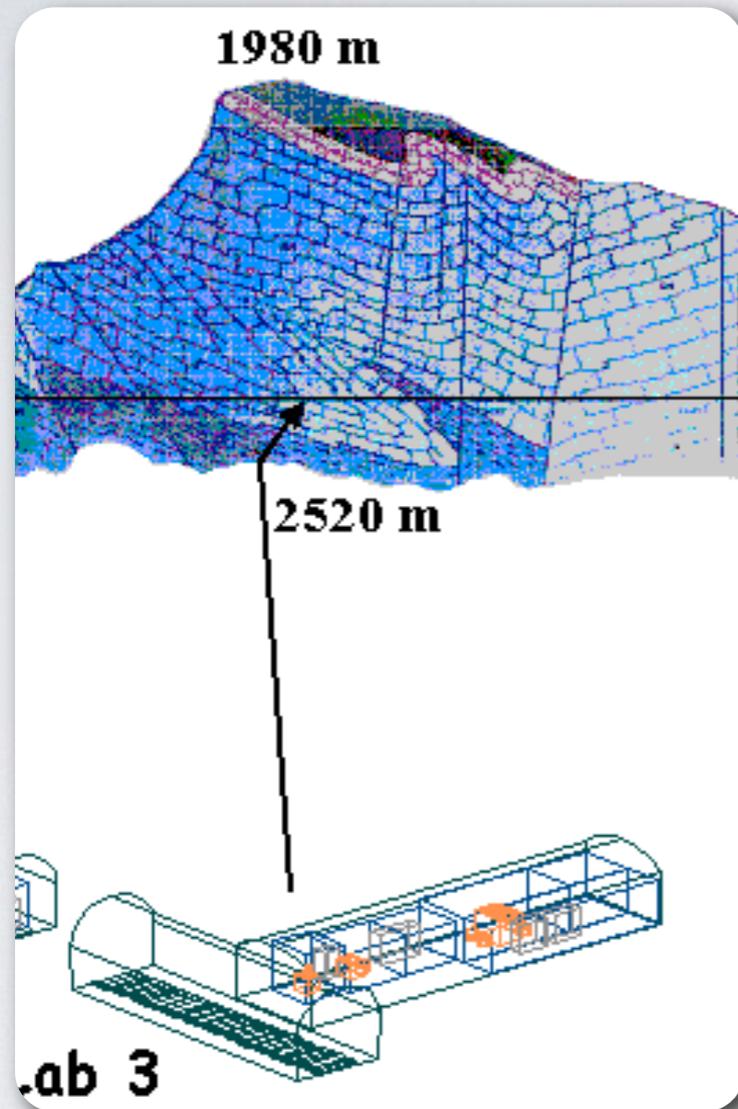


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Other recipes



Recipes for real bbOnu experiments (Salt)



- Underground laboratory to reduce cosmic background (muons, cosmogenic activation, etc.): SHIELDING

Recipes for real bbOnu experiments (Mustard)

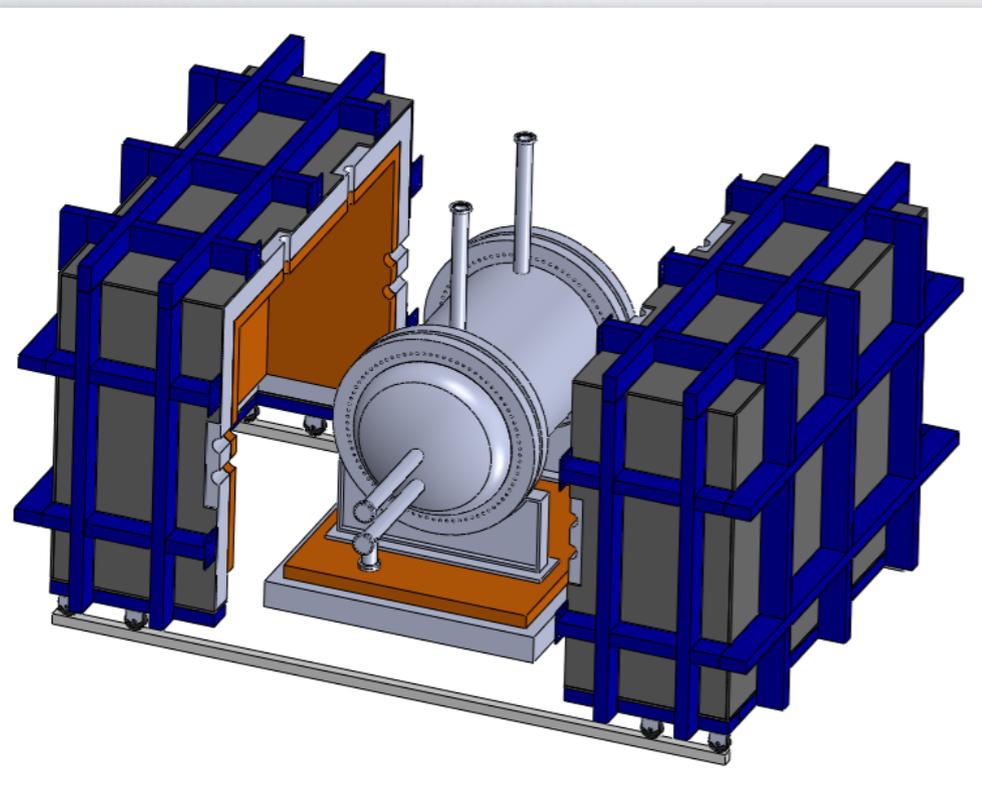


- Lab walls shoot us 10^3 gammas of high energy (direct background) per square meter or about 5,000 gammas into the detector.

- Stop them with a wall of 30 cm of radiopure lead (300 muBq/kg)

- Stop the gammas from the lead with ultra-radiopure copper inside the vessel (10 mqbq/kg):

MATRIOSKA



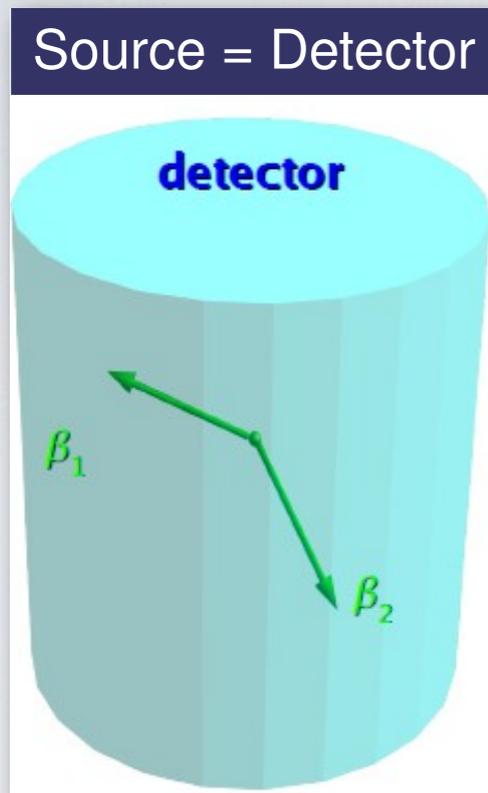
Recipes for real bbOnu experiments (Rosemary & Pepper)



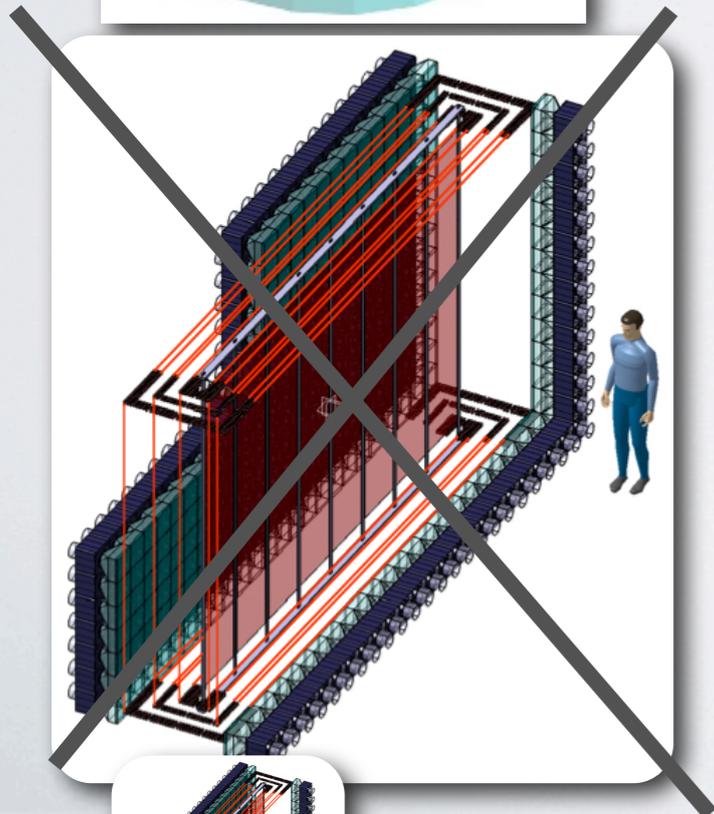
- Build everything out of extremely radiopure materials.
- Typical activities in detector material in the range of $\mu\text{Bq}/\text{kg}$.
- We are way more radioactive than that (K-40 in our bones)

**Everything is radioactive unless proven otherwise by screening.
Radio PURITY**

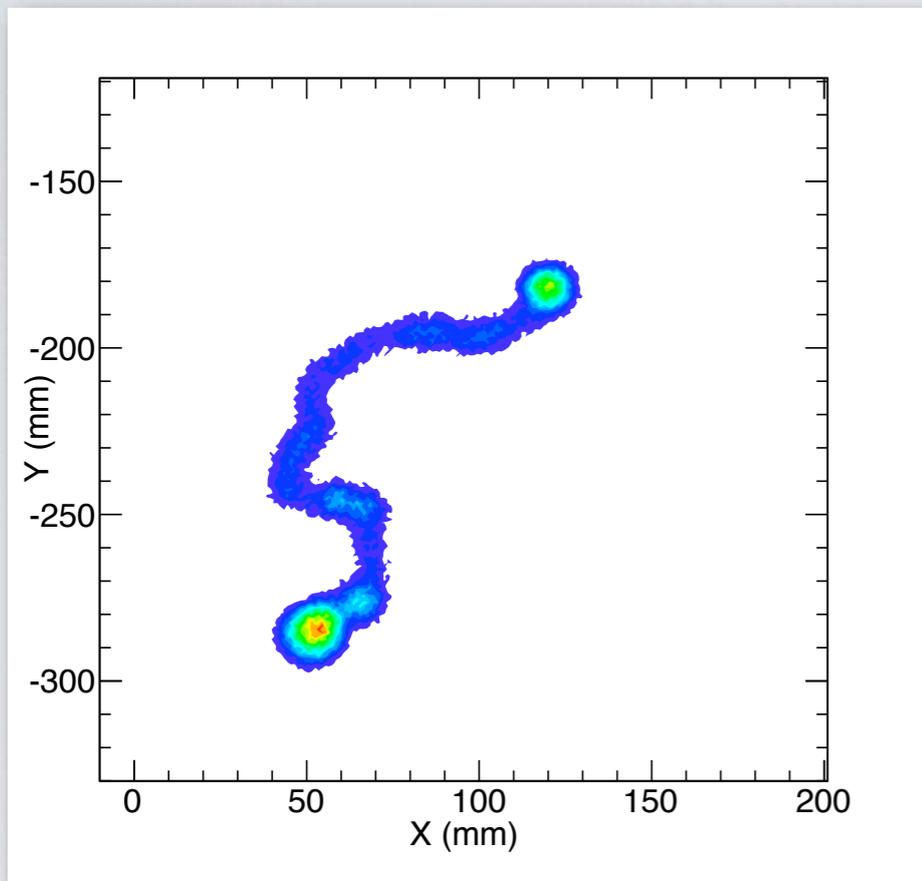
Recipes for real bbOnu experiments (Vinegar)



- Source must be equal to detector (dead fiducial law)
- Scale going to larger volume rather than replicating modules: VOLUME



Recipes for real $bb0\nu$ experiments (Thyme)



TOPOLOGICAL signature of two electrons in a HPGXe (NEXT)

The experiment Rubik's cube

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radio-purity

scalability (mass, cost)

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Volume/Surface

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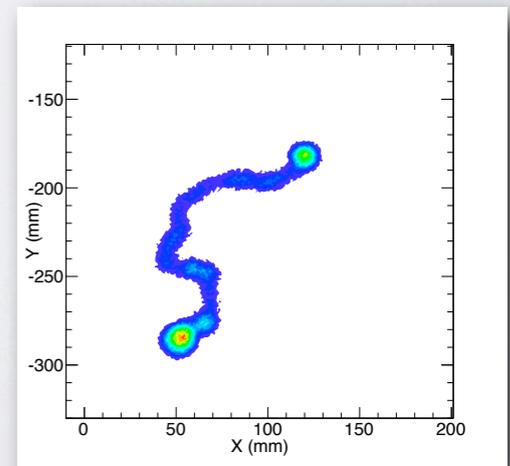
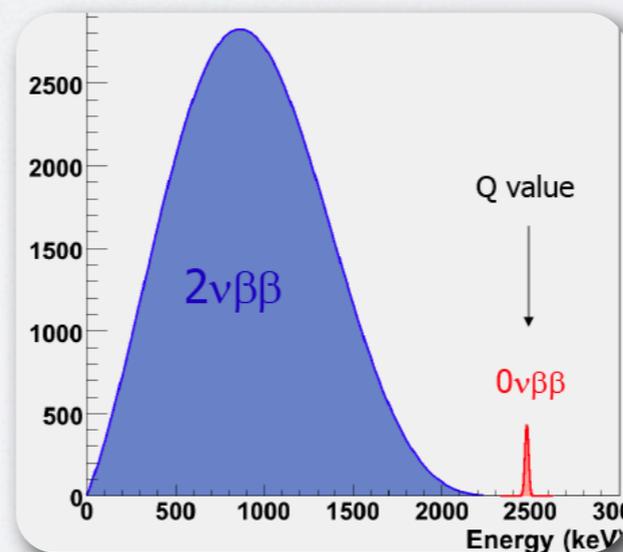
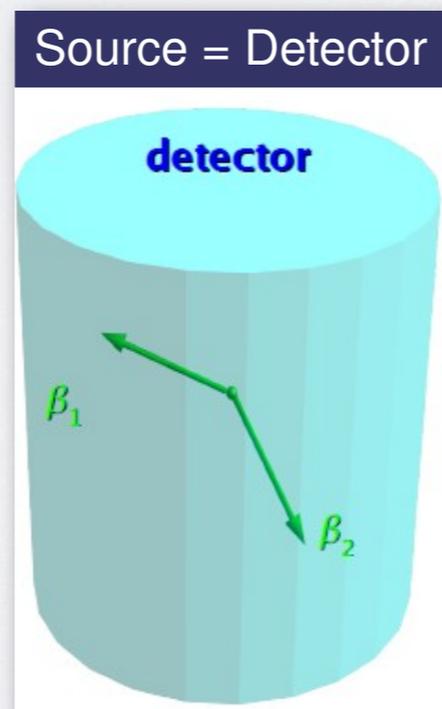


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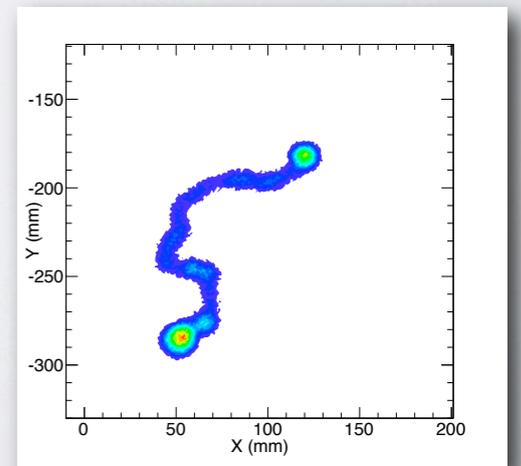
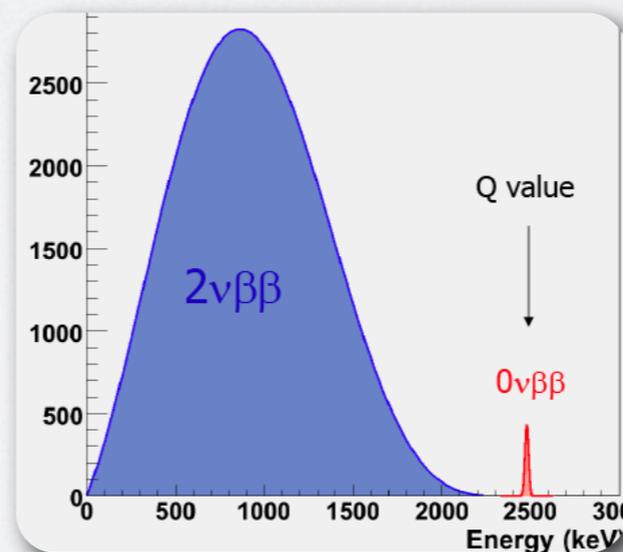
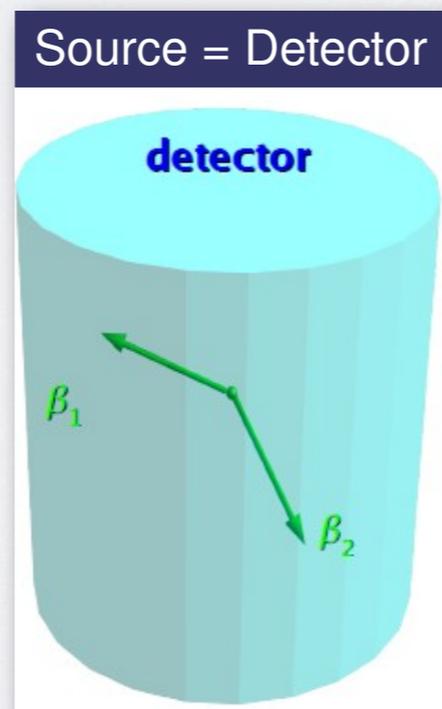


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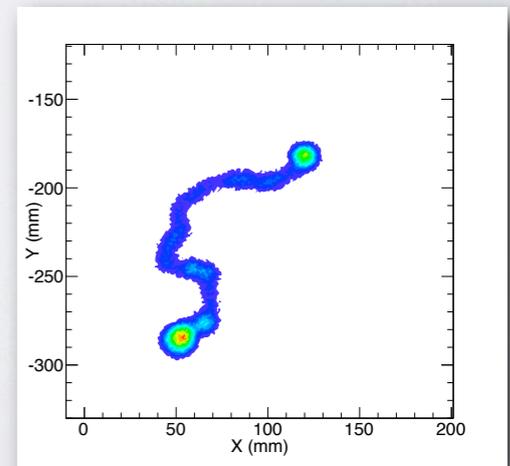
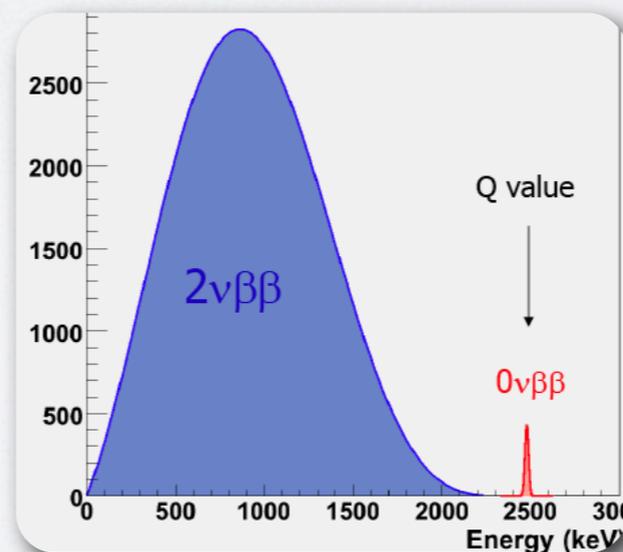
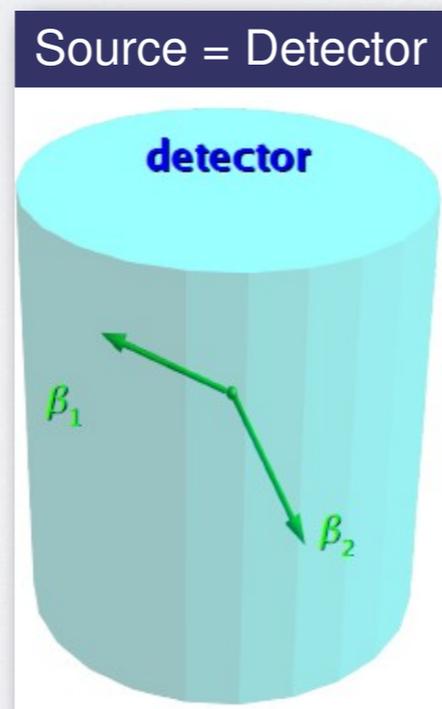


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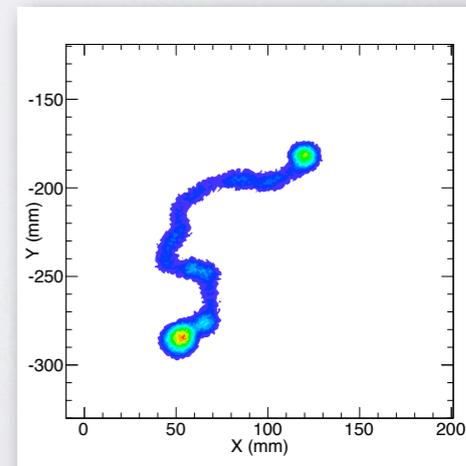
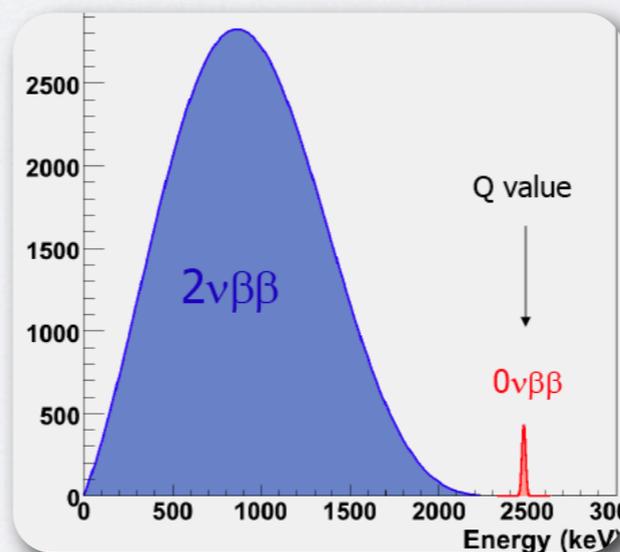
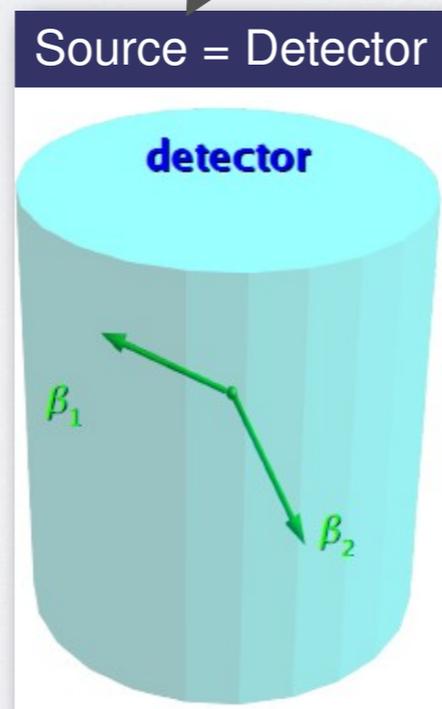


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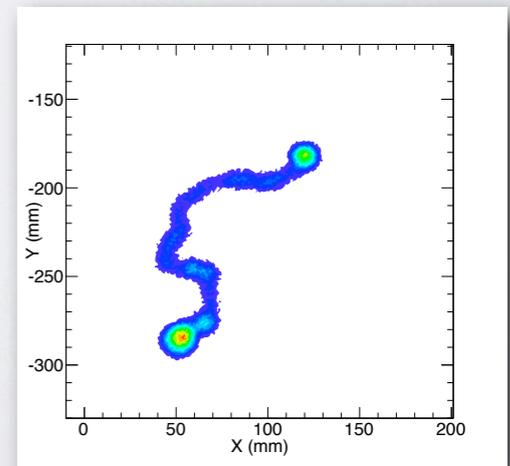
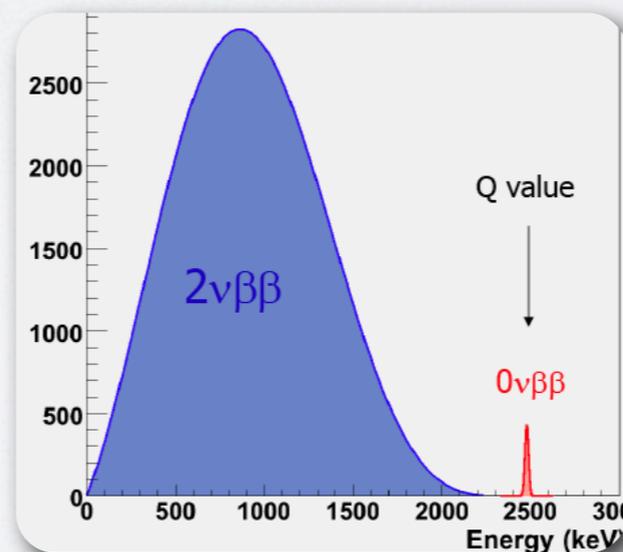
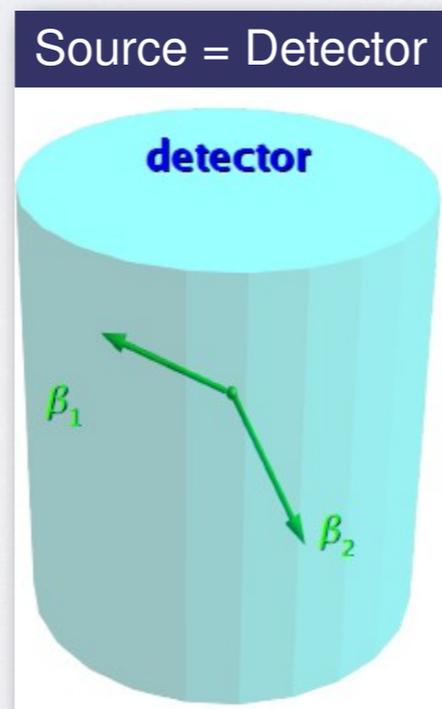


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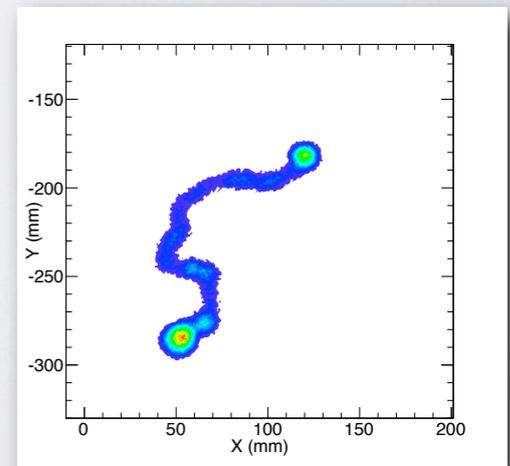
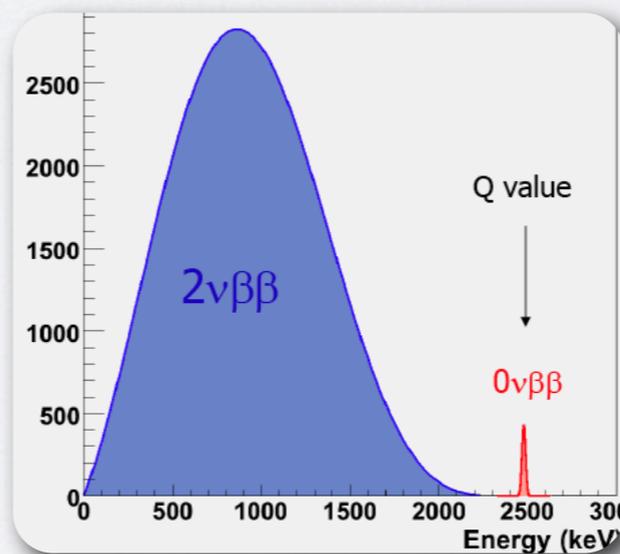
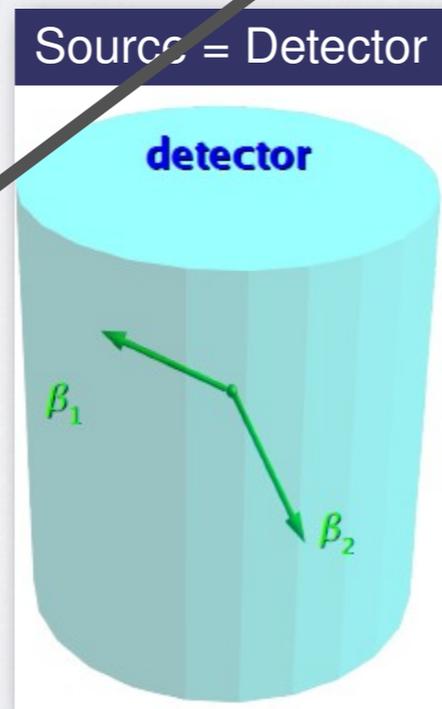


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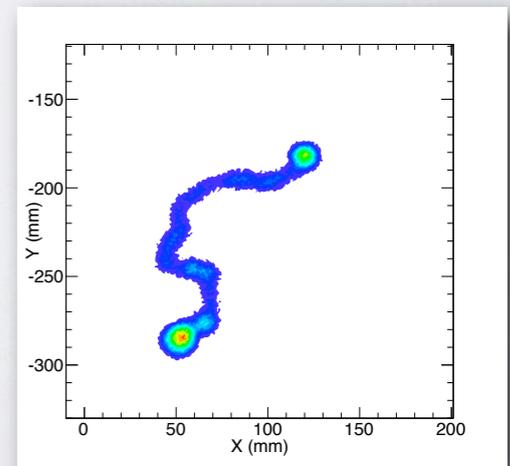
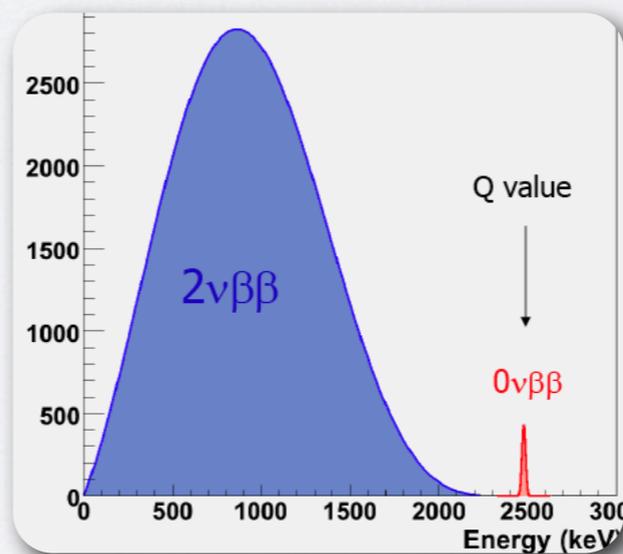
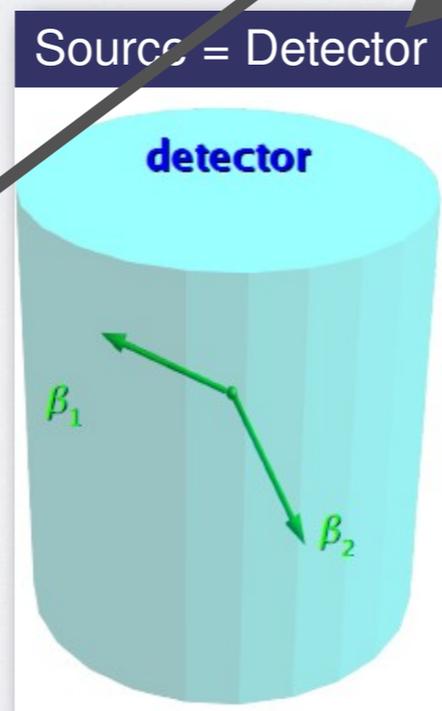


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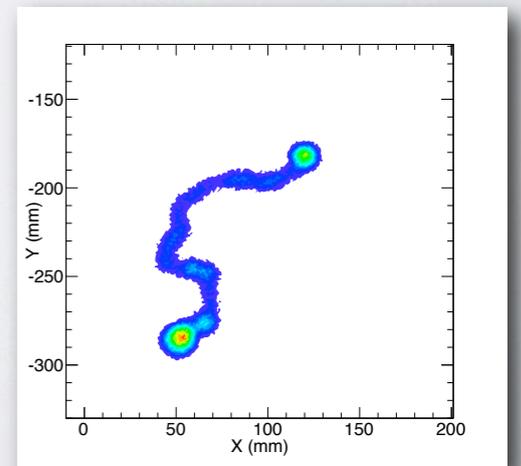
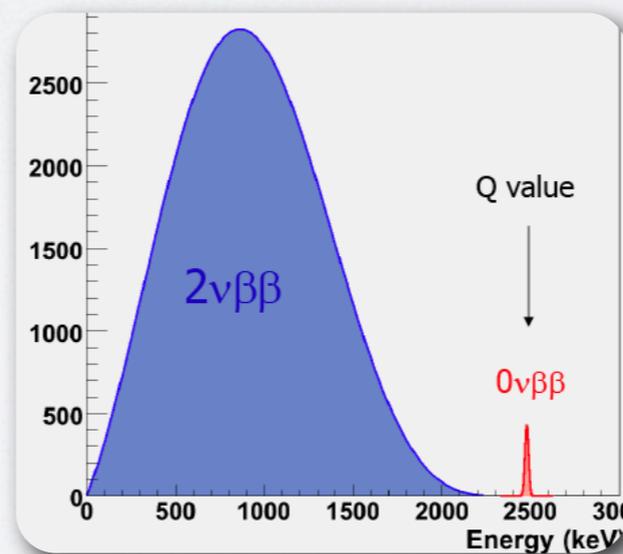
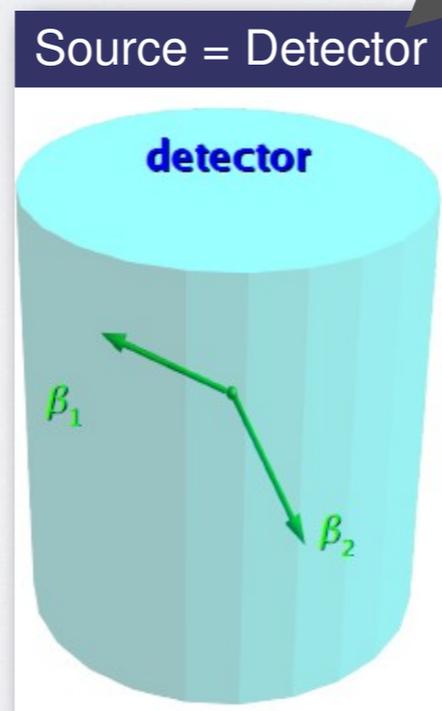


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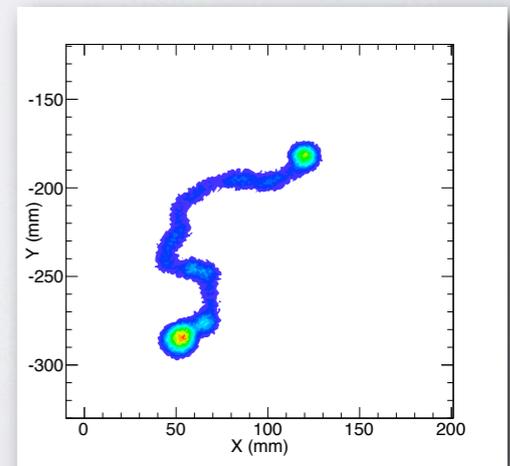
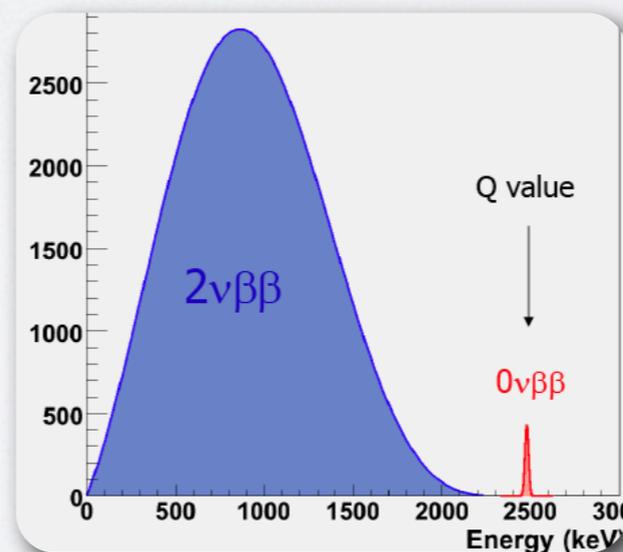
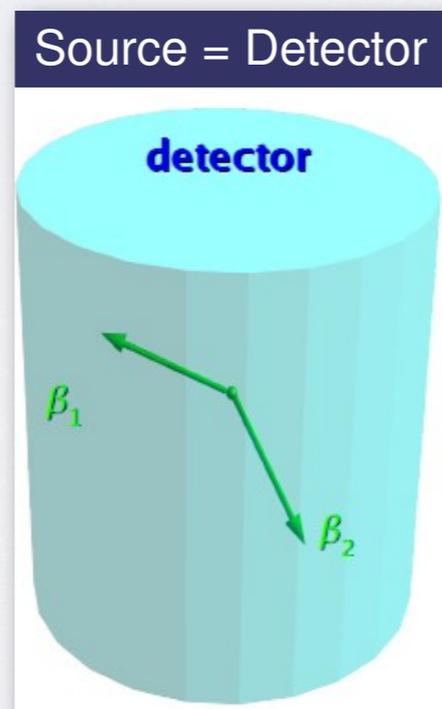
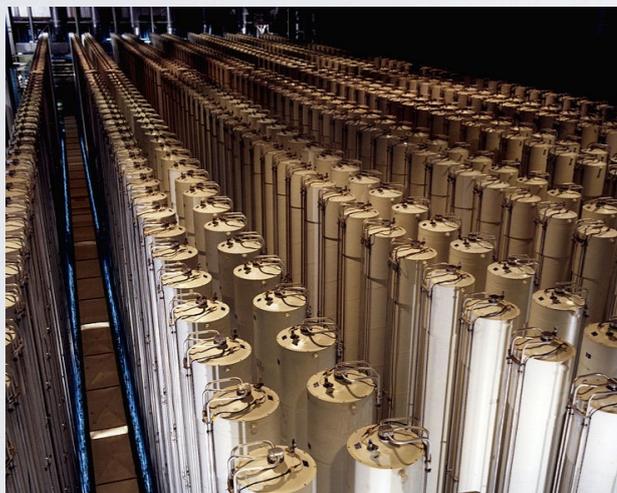


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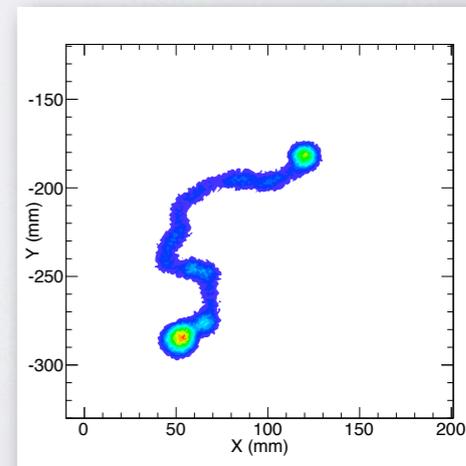
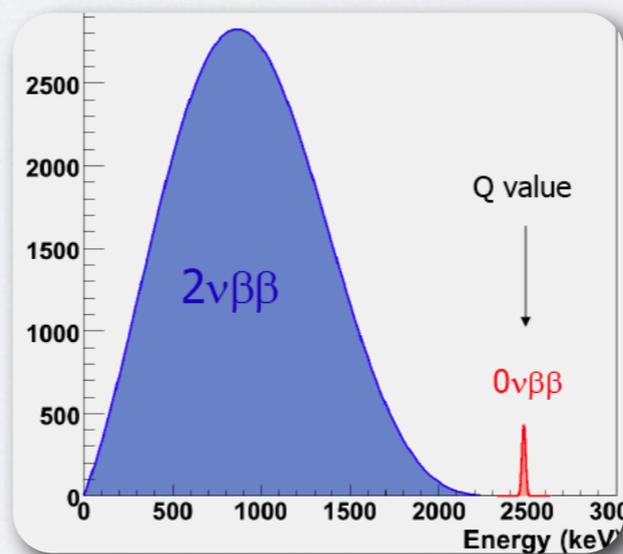
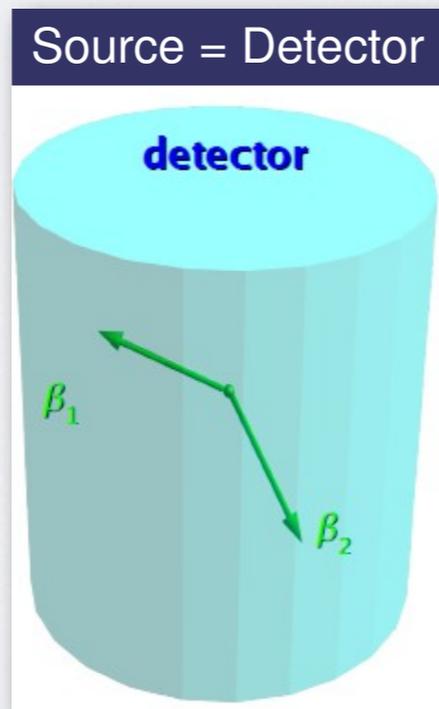


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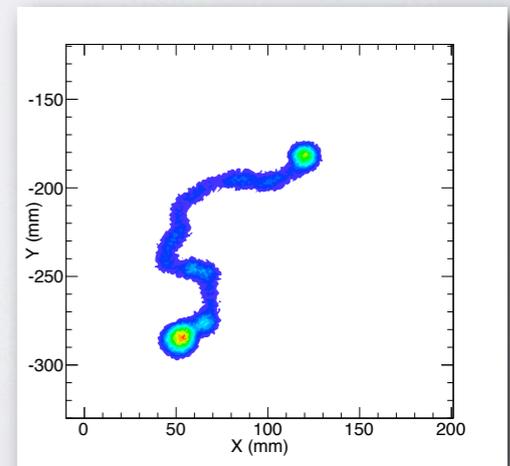
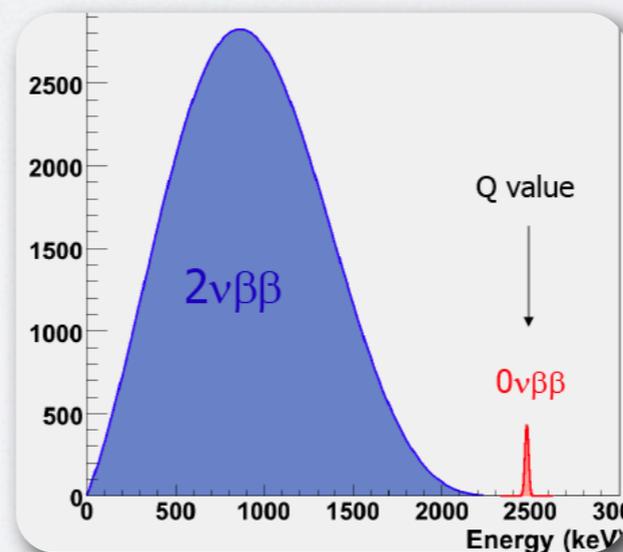
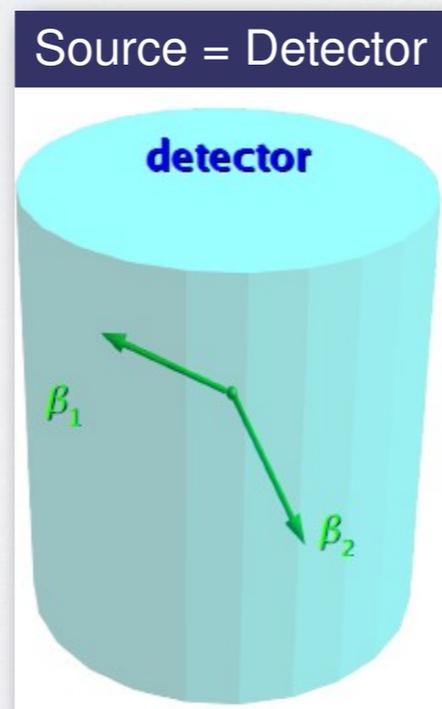


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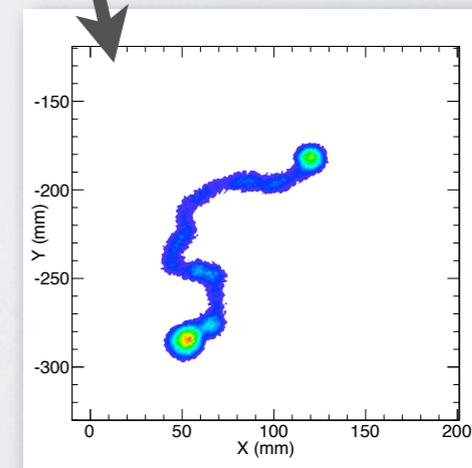
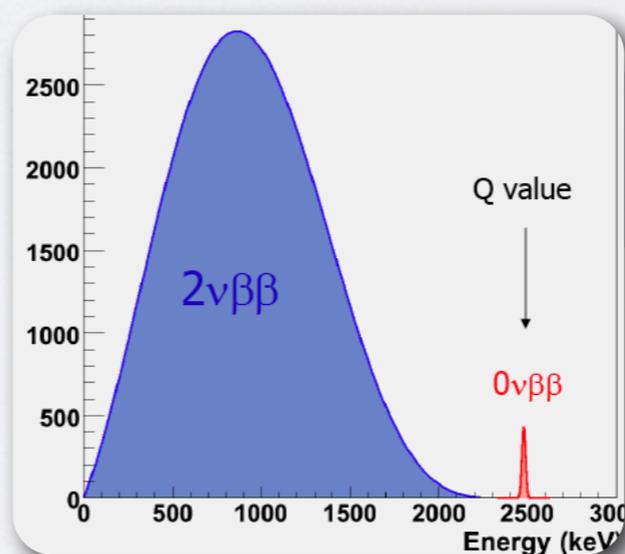
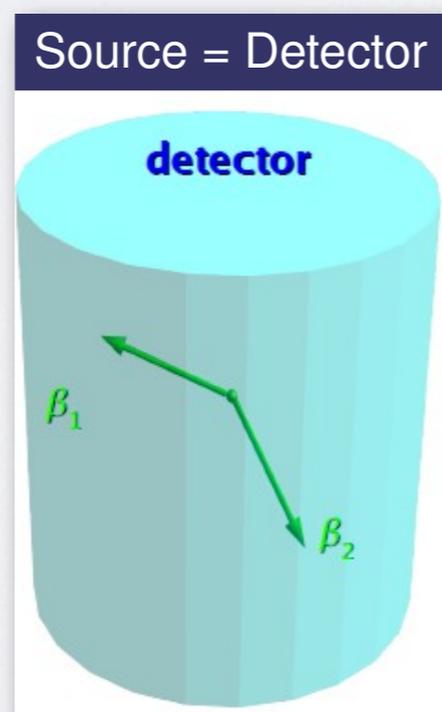


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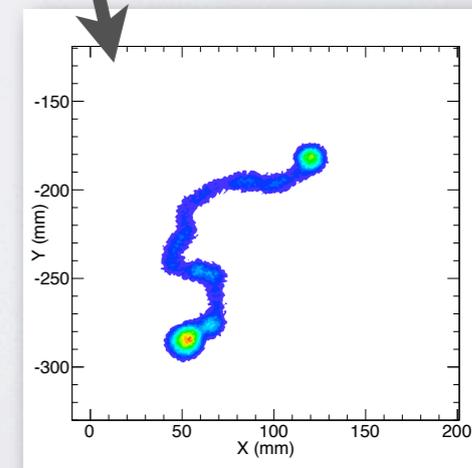
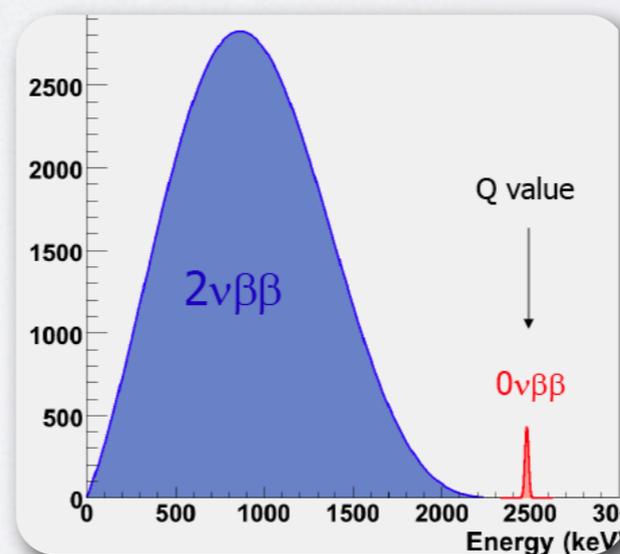
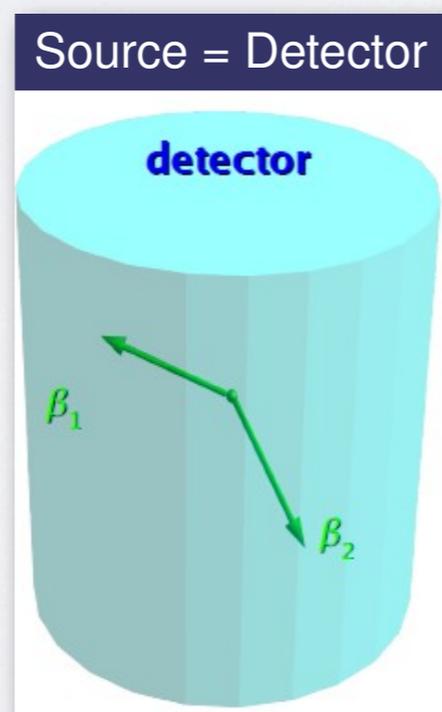


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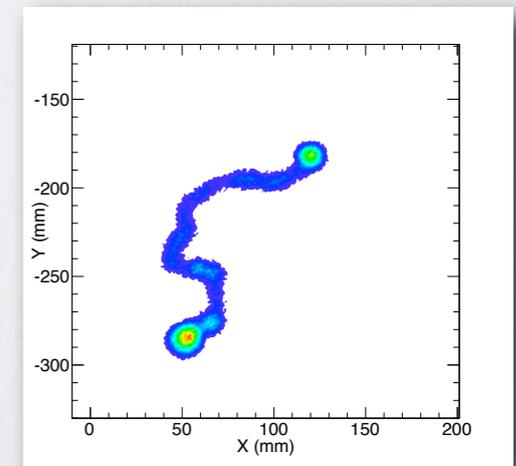
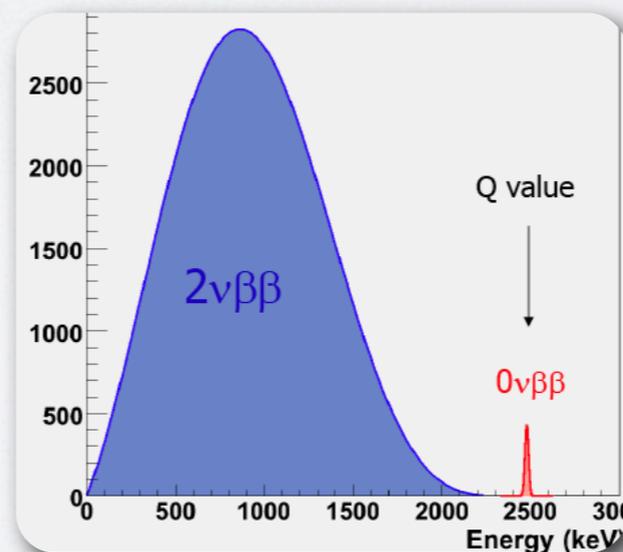
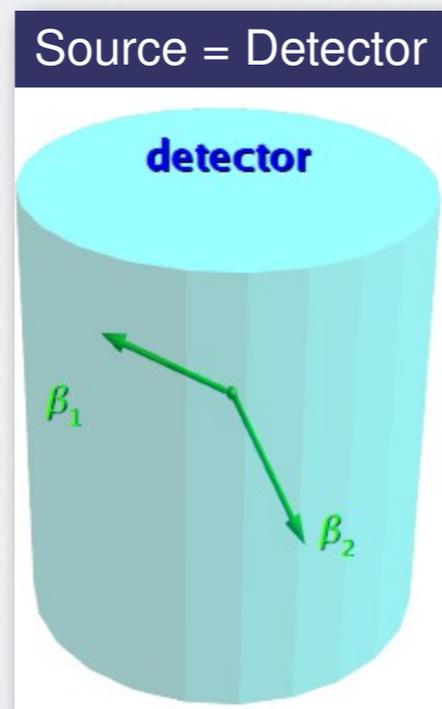
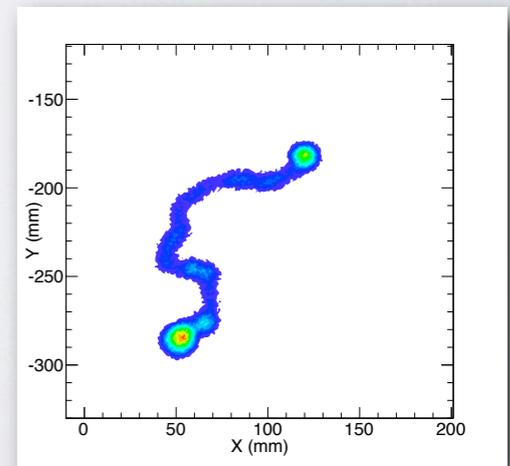
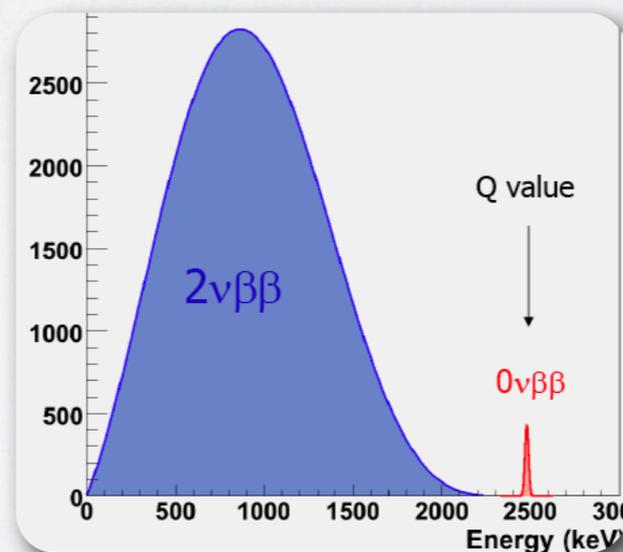
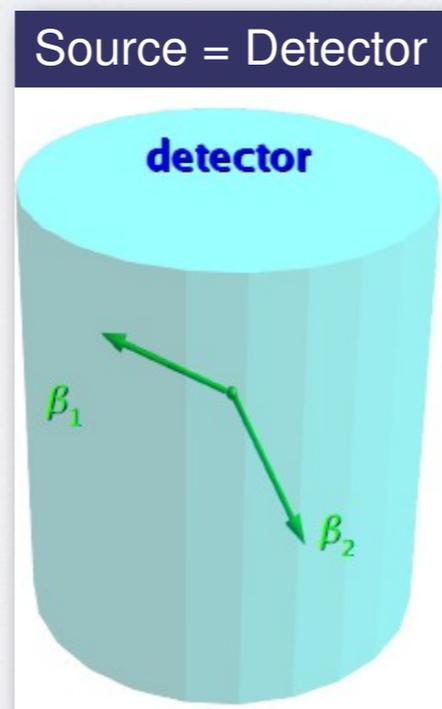
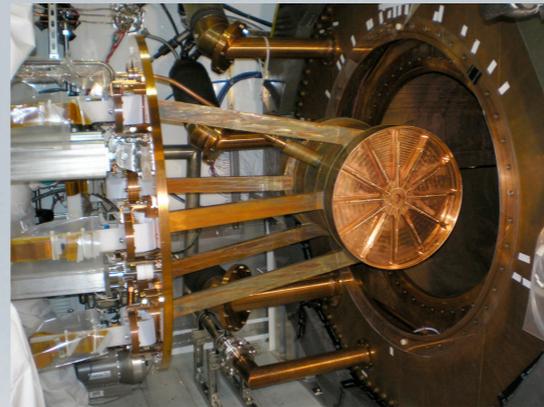


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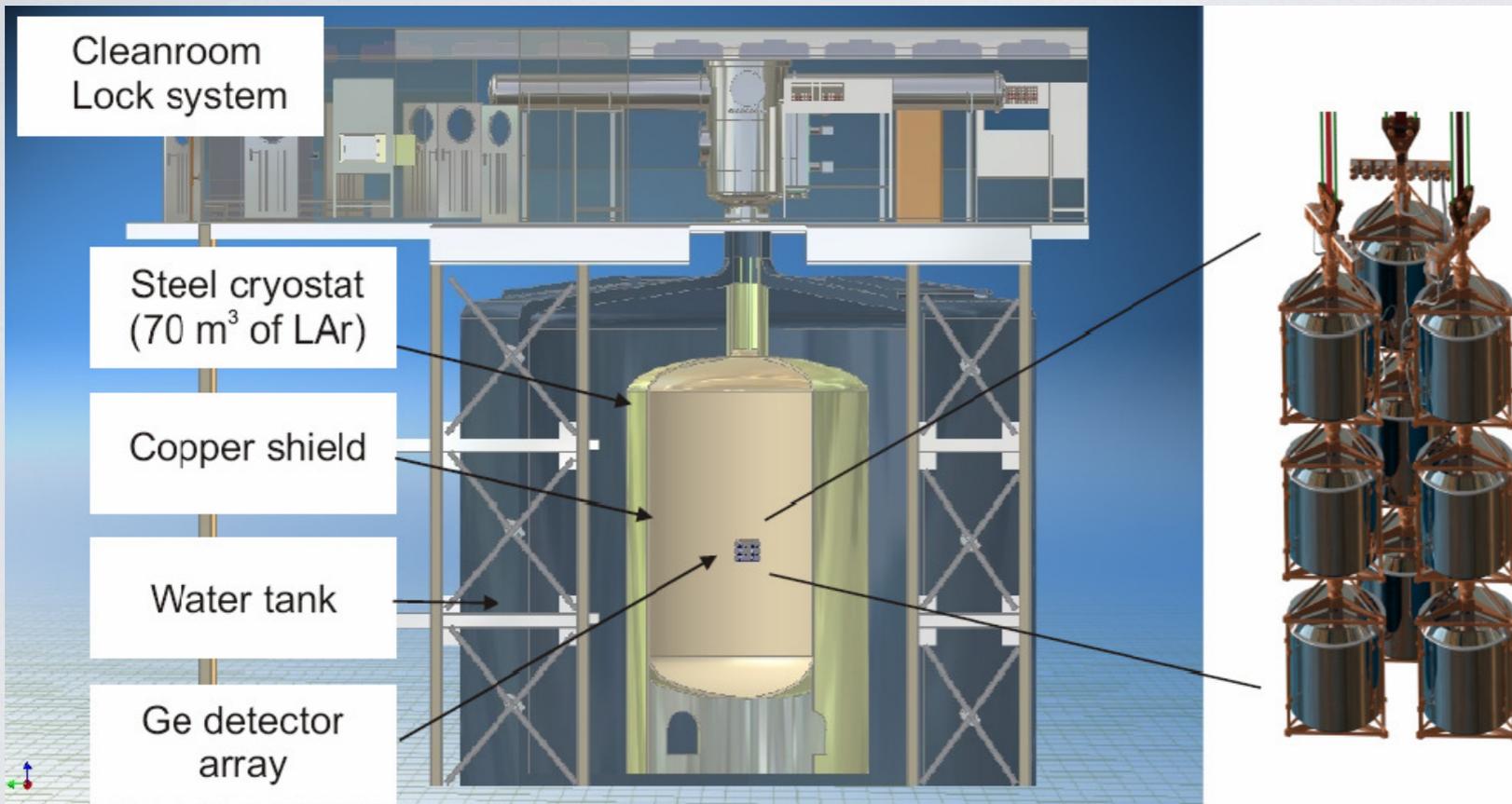


A selection of experiments



Example: Ge detectors

- **a**: expensive
- ϵ : > 80 %
- **Mt**: Limited (≈ 100 kg)
- ΔE Excellent (0.2 % FWHM)
- **b** good to very good (10^{-2} to 10^{-3} ckky)

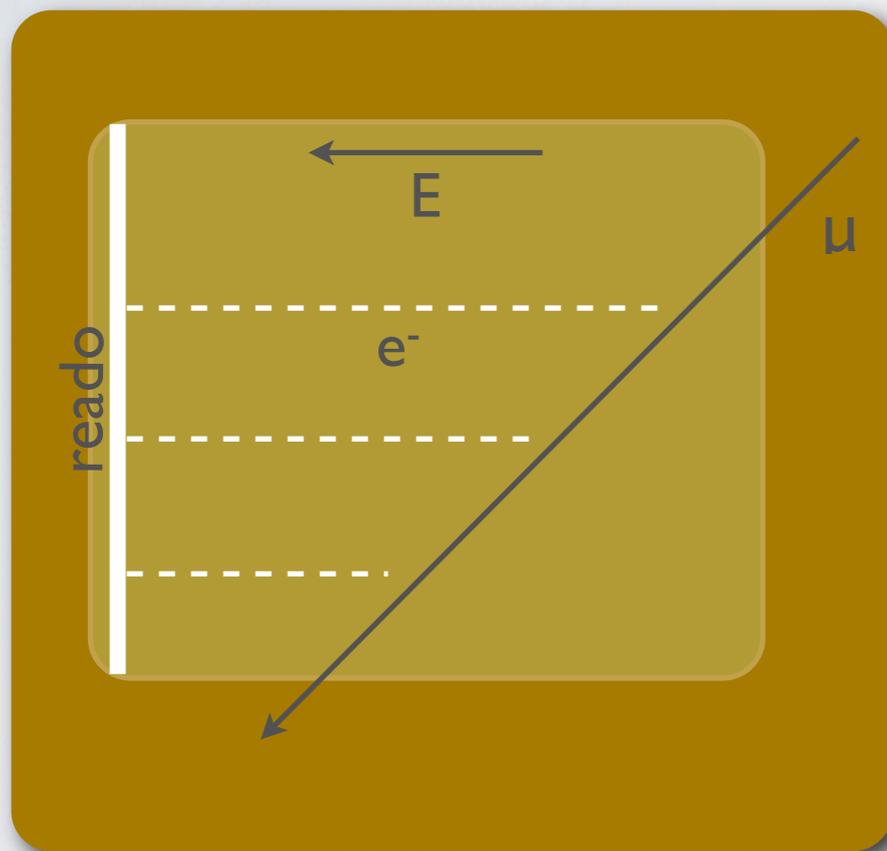


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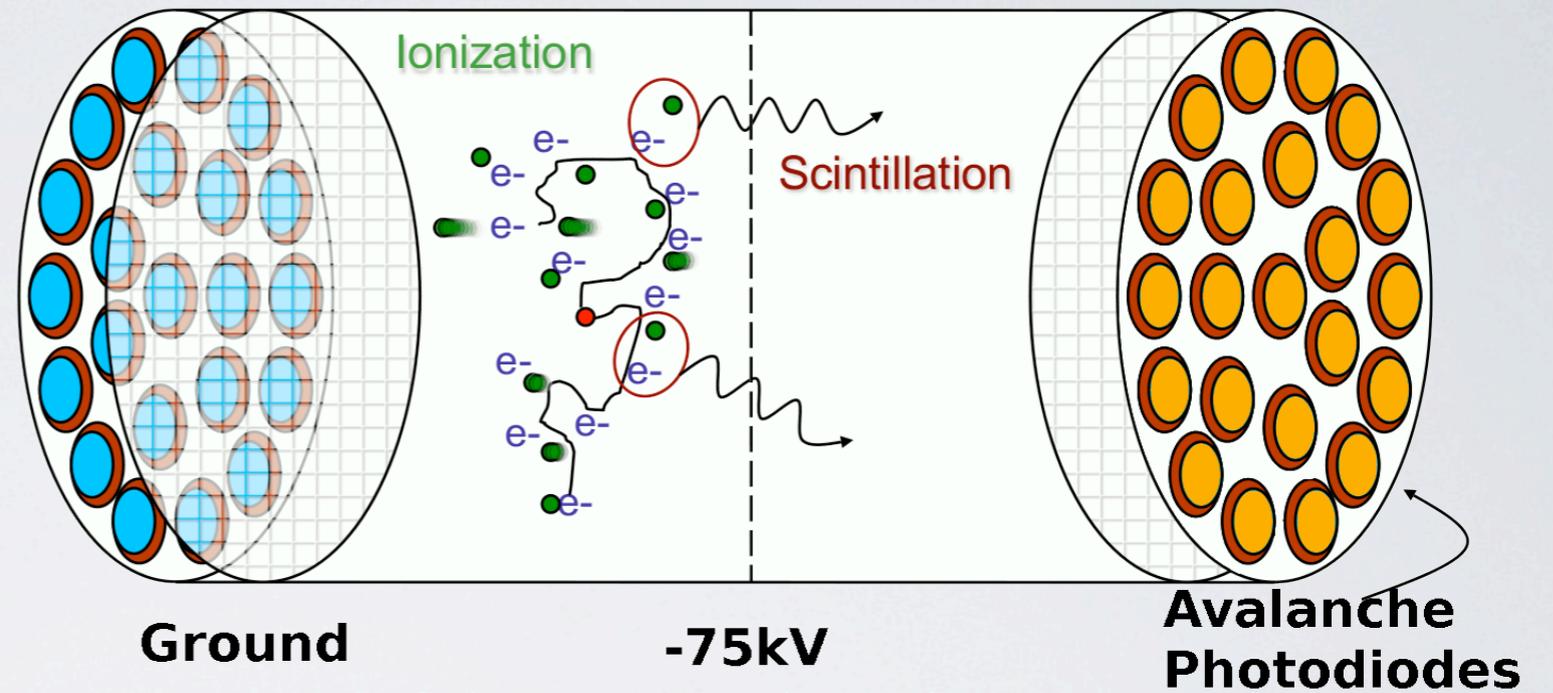
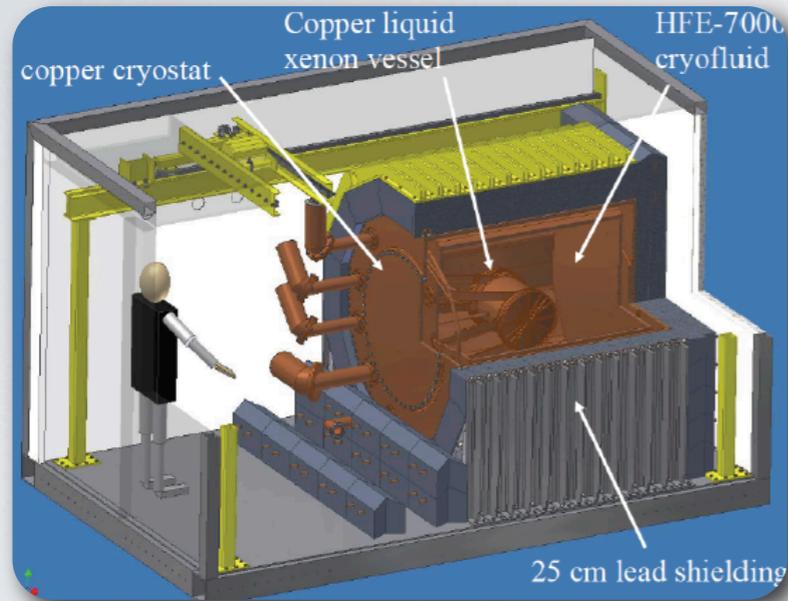
The TPC

Time Projection Chamber: invented by D. Nygren in the 1970's.

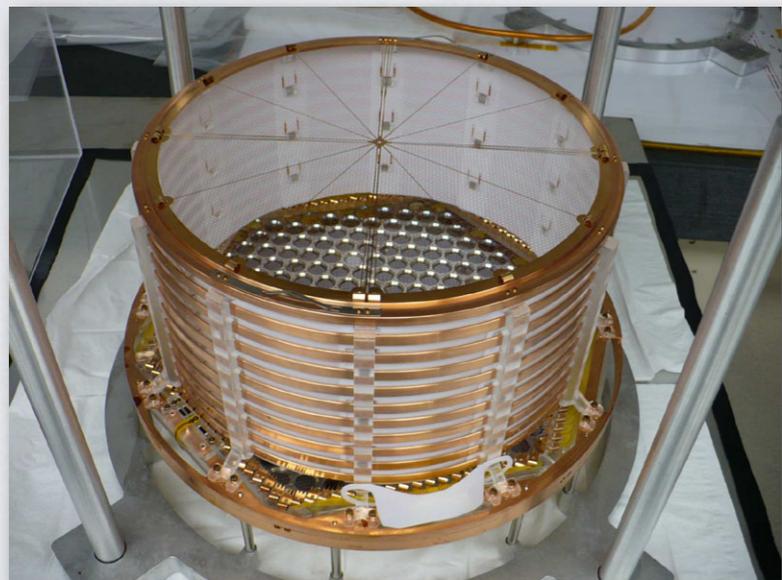


- charged particles traversing TPC ionize gas leaving a track
- If track stops inside TPC then its energy is calorimetrically measured (with good resolution)
- Large volume possible (thus large mass)
- Large V/S

LXe: EXO

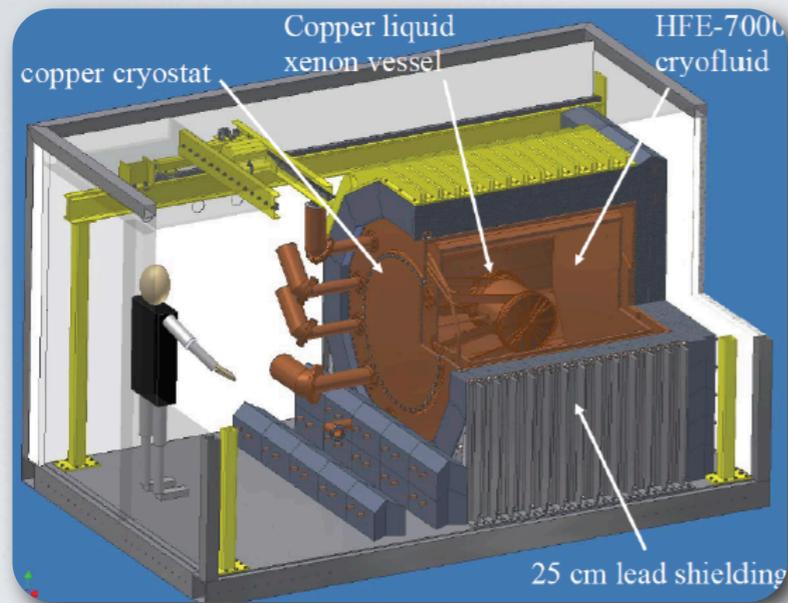


Detail of the LAAPD read-out plane



- Best sensitivity of all current experiments.
- First time Ge detectors are beaten

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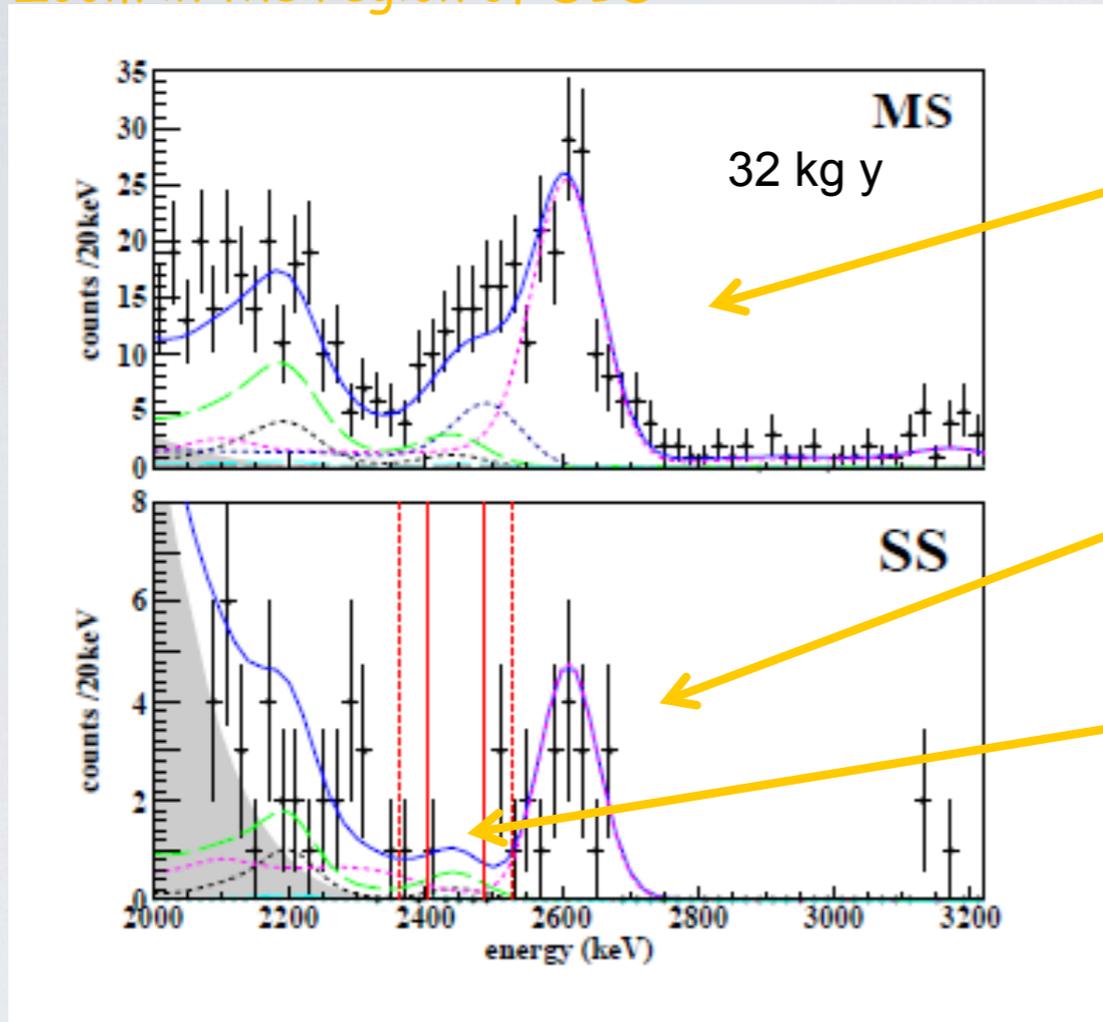
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- **a**: Feasible (cheap)
- ϵ : 30-40% (self shielding)
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- ΔE moderate to poor (4 % FWHM)
- **b** very good (10^{-3} ckky)

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EXO: Results

Zoom in the region of DBD



Multisite events

Single site events
(potential signal)

Background:
 1.5×10^{-3} counts/(keV kg y)

- Found 1 event of background, expected 4. Result is better than its sensitivity (only a 5% chance of getting such result)
- Good news. A nice limit: Bad news: more running can worsen result.

The law of diminished returns in $bb0\nu$

$$m_{\beta\beta} = K \sqrt{1/\varepsilon} \left(\frac{b \Delta E}{Mt} \right)^{1/4}$$

Today: ≈ 200 meV. Inverse: ≈ 20 meV

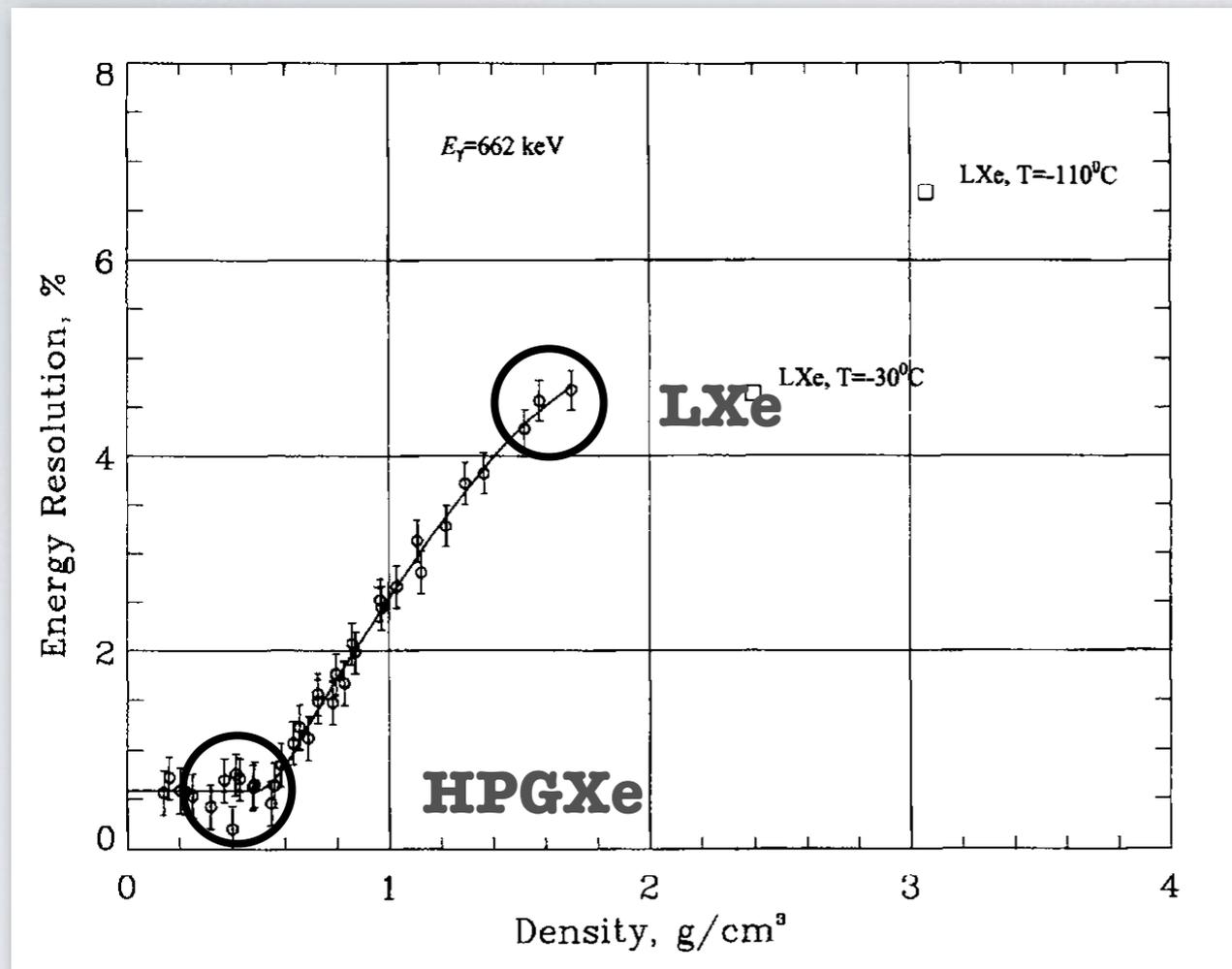
Need to Improve by 10^4 !!! HOW??

EXO: Mass could improve by 10^2 (30 kg y to 3 ton y).

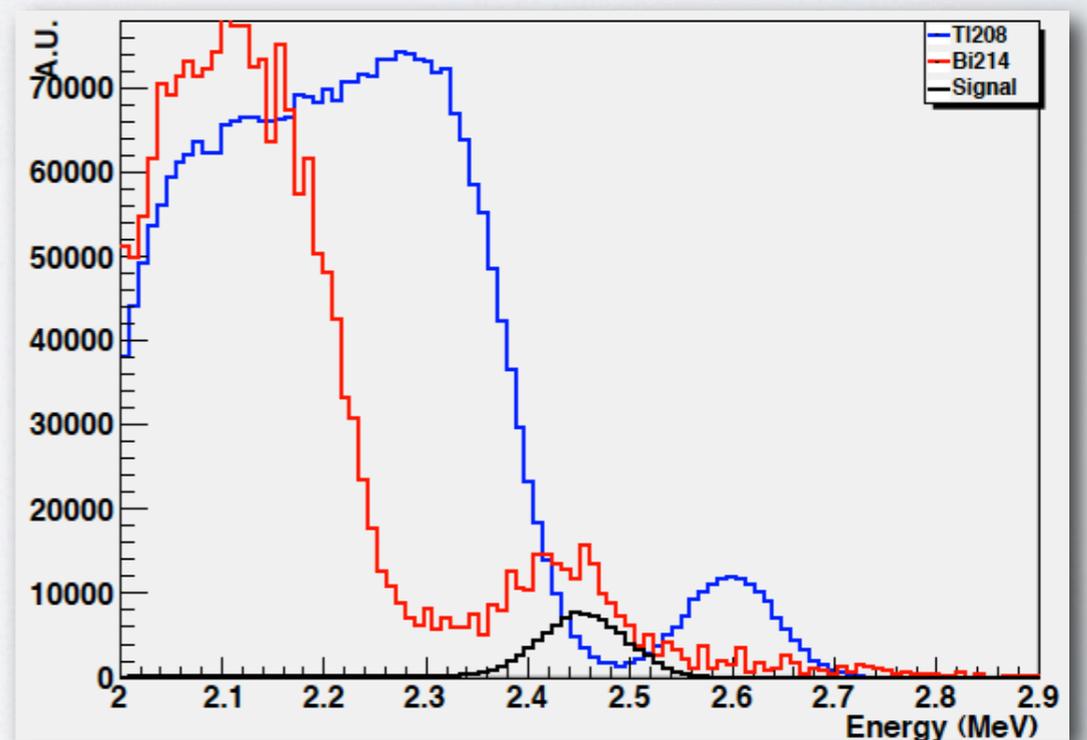
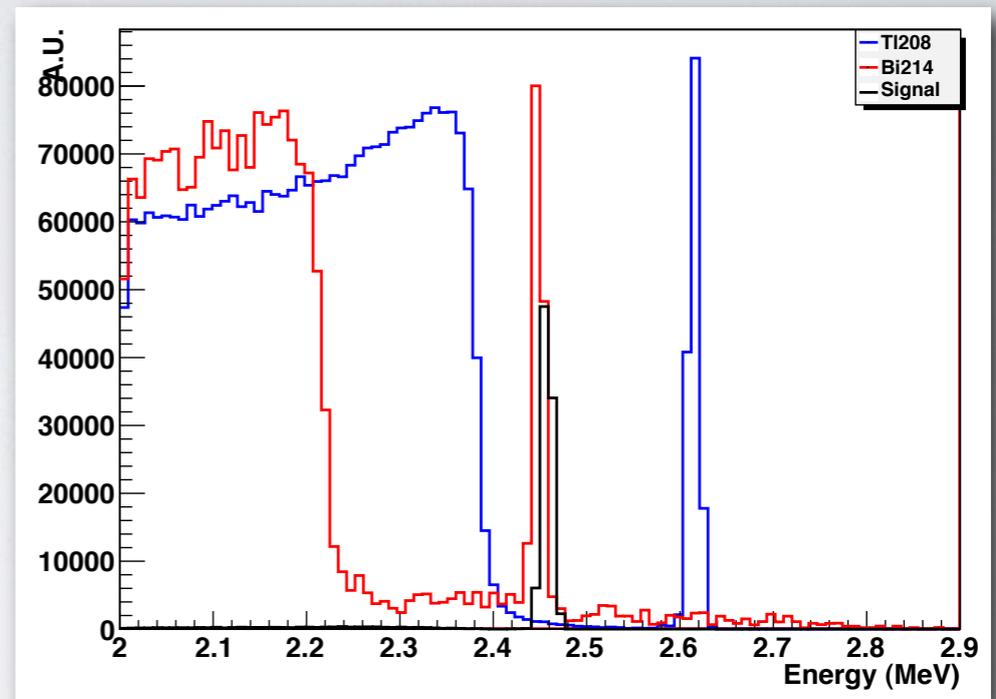
Resolution is fixed by the technology: Thus, a LXe detector needs to reduce background rate by 10^2 (from 10^{-3} ckky to 10^{-5} ckky)

VERY DIFFICULT

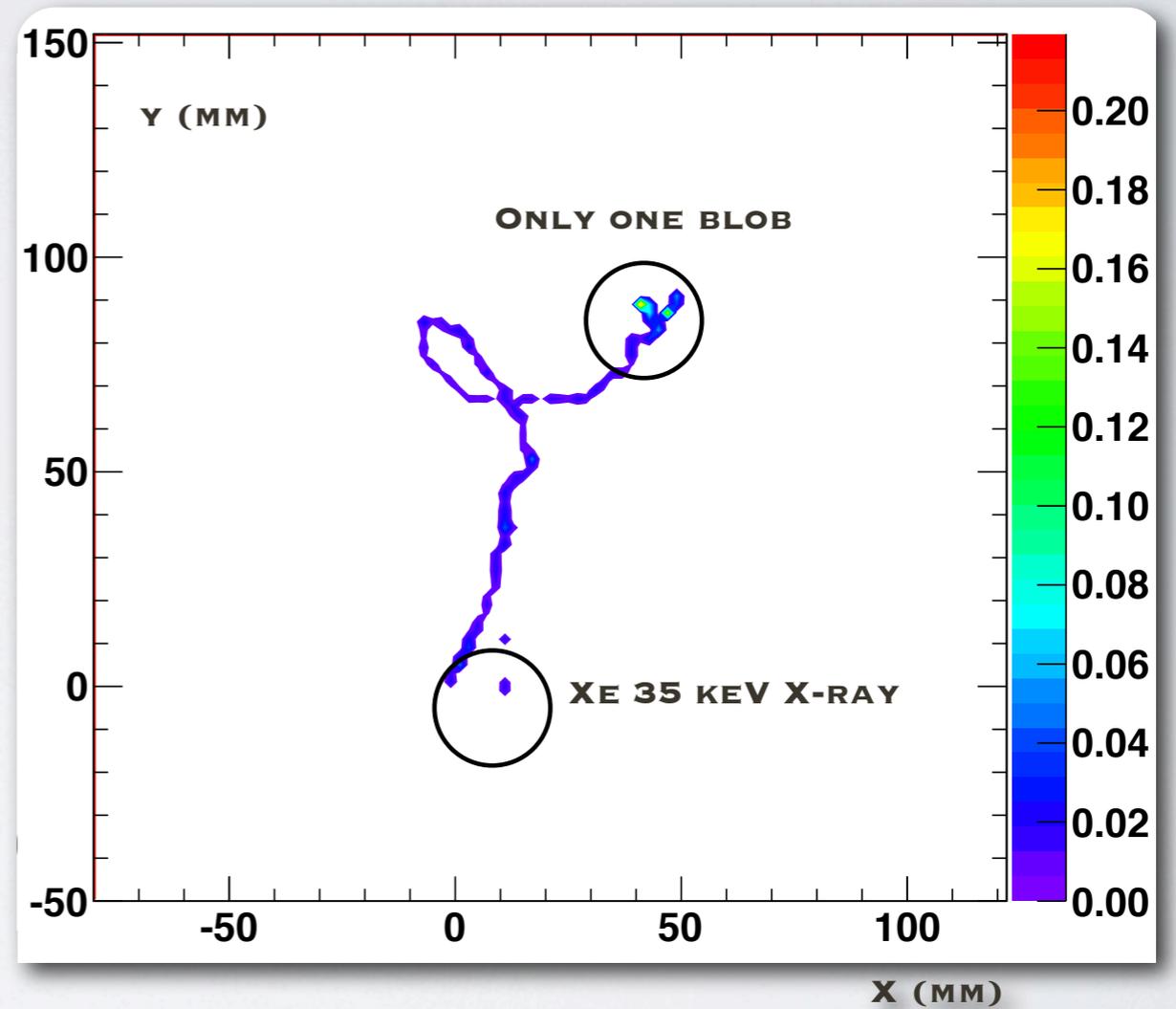
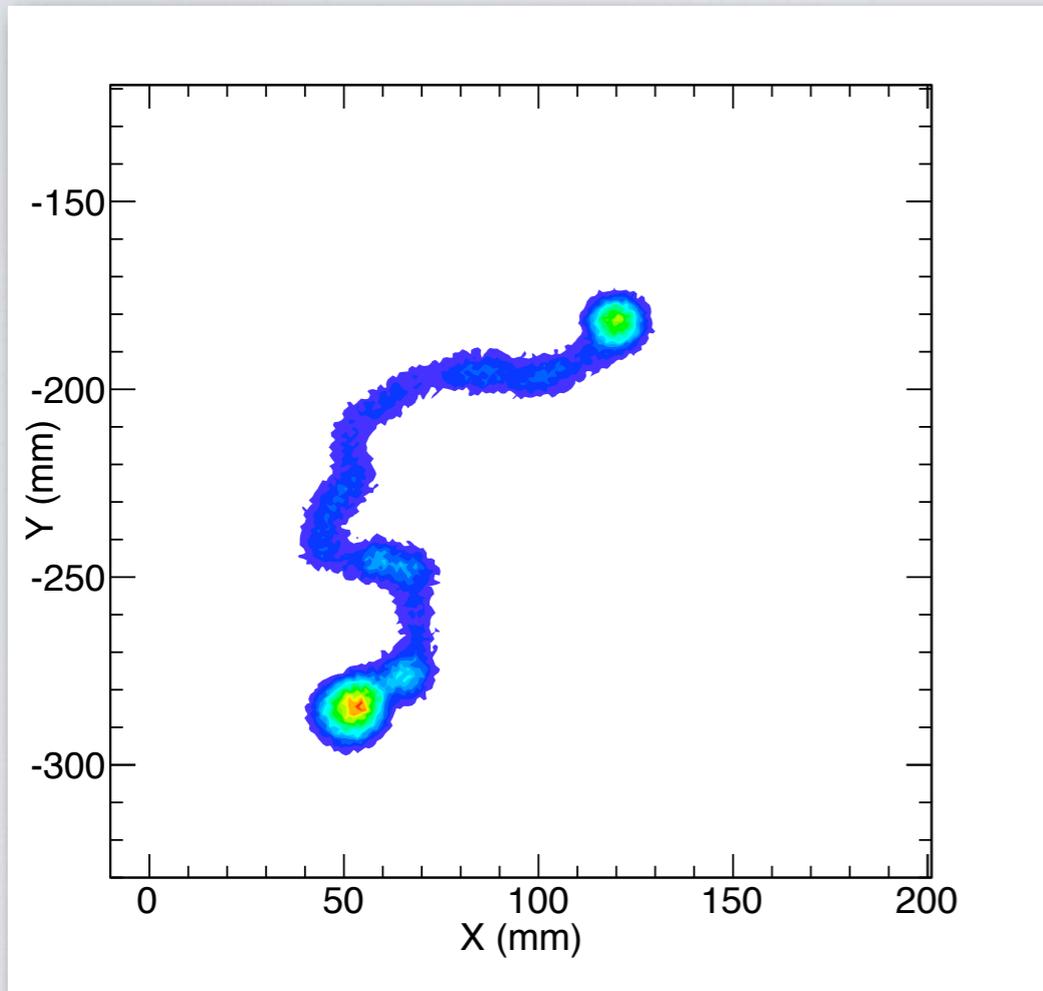
HPGXe vs LXe



- **HPGXe can achieve a resolution 5 to 10 better than LXe. Essential!**

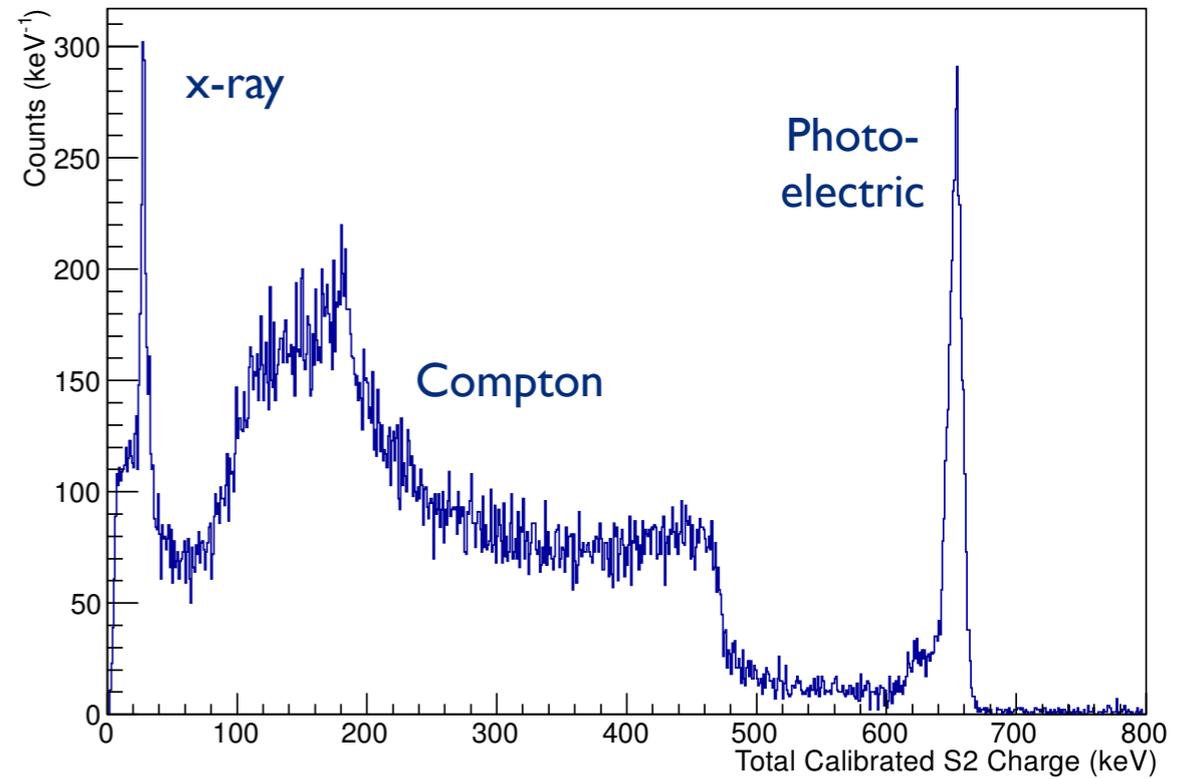
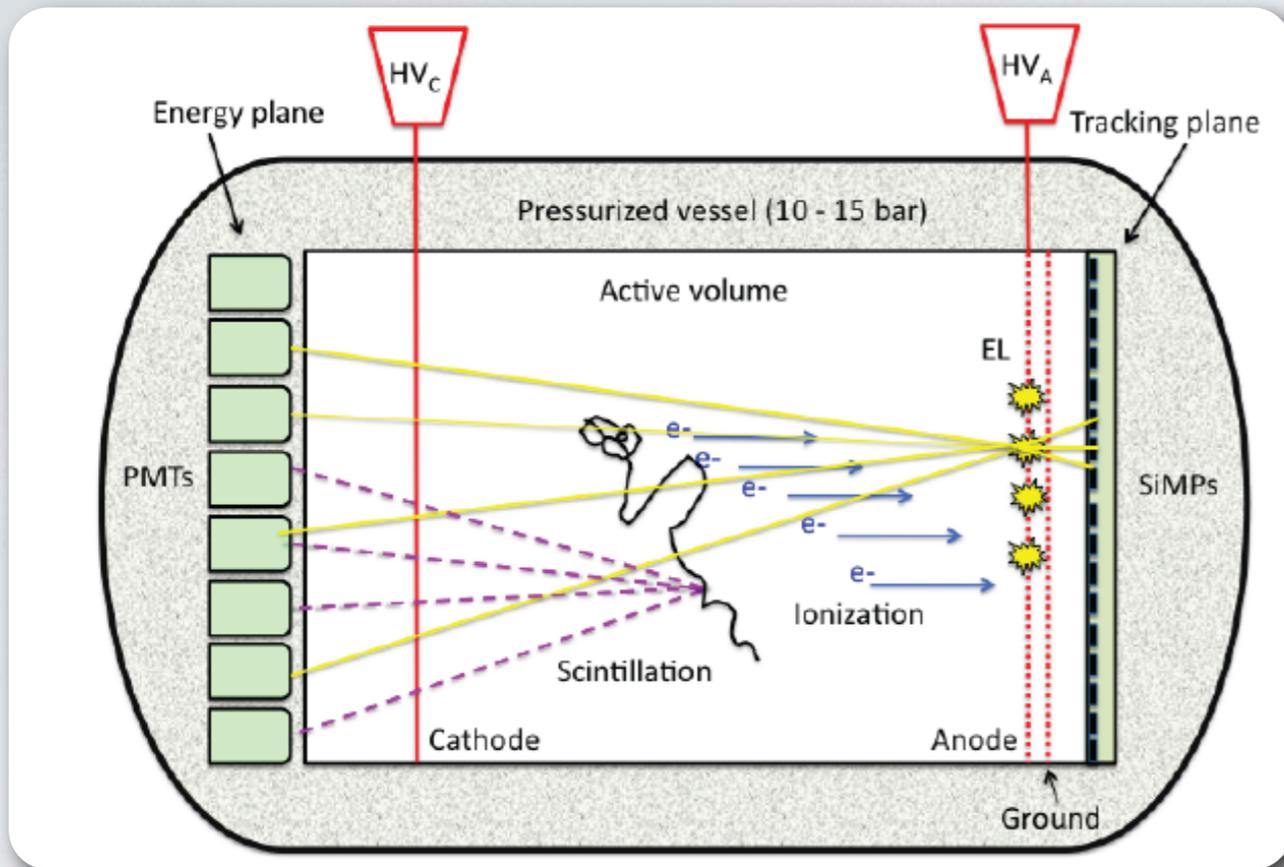


HPGXe has a topological signature (extra handle)

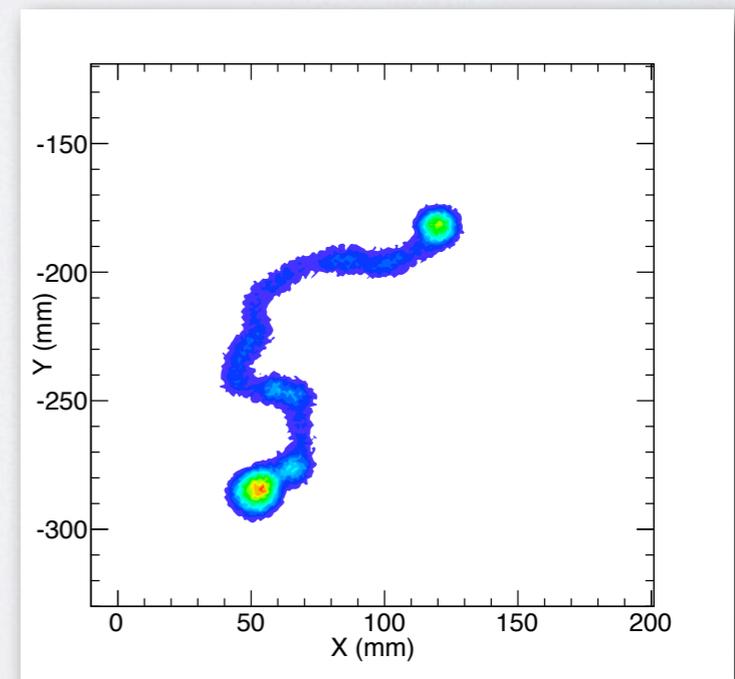


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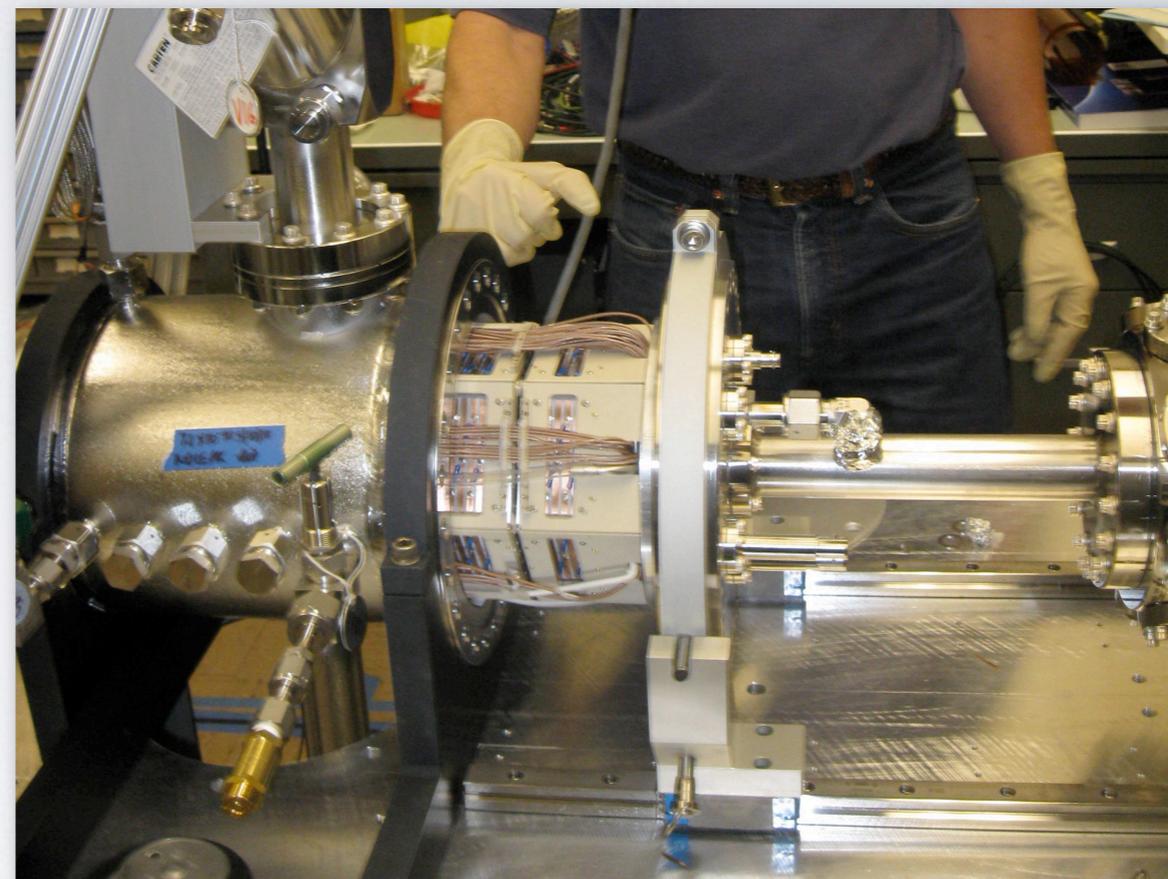
Energy, 662 keV gammas from ^{137}Cs in NEXT-DBDM prototype



A HPGXe SOFT TPC



NEXT DEMO/DBDM

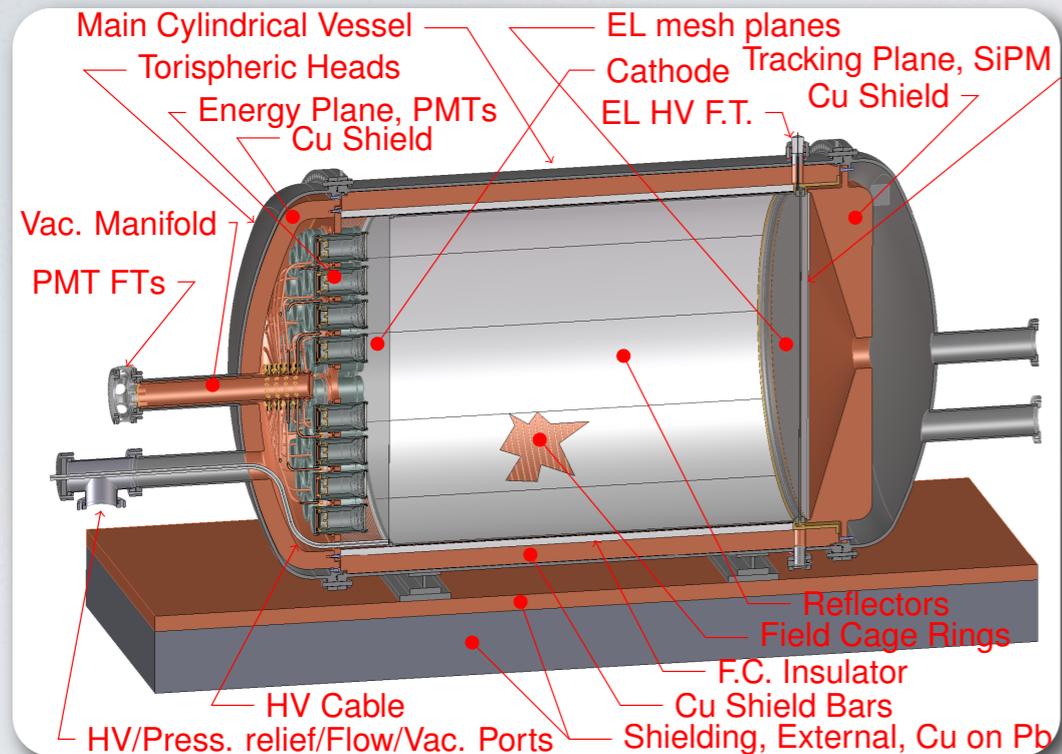


Resolution: 0.5% FWHM in restricted region (LBNL).
1% in extended fiducial (DEMO). Tracking demonstrated

White through the looking glass



NEXT

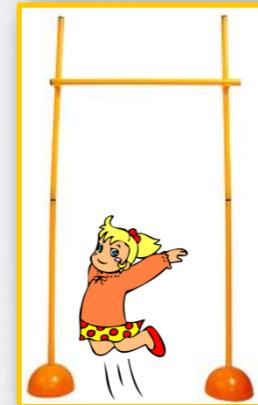
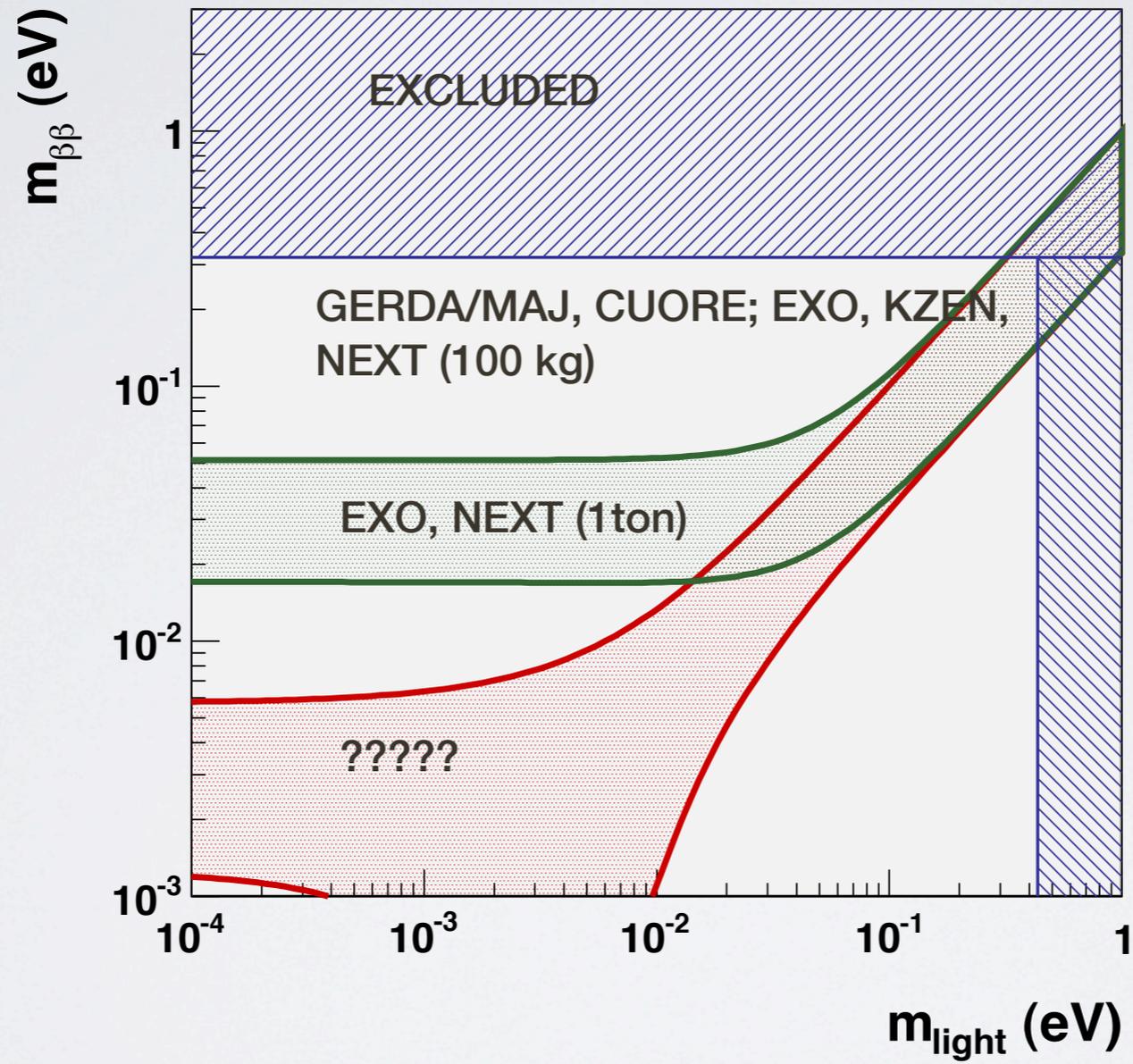


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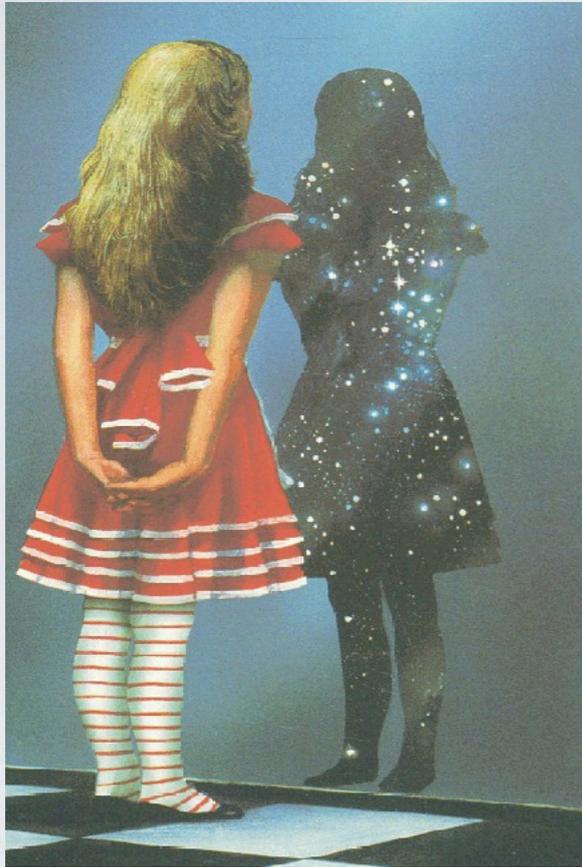
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Prospect

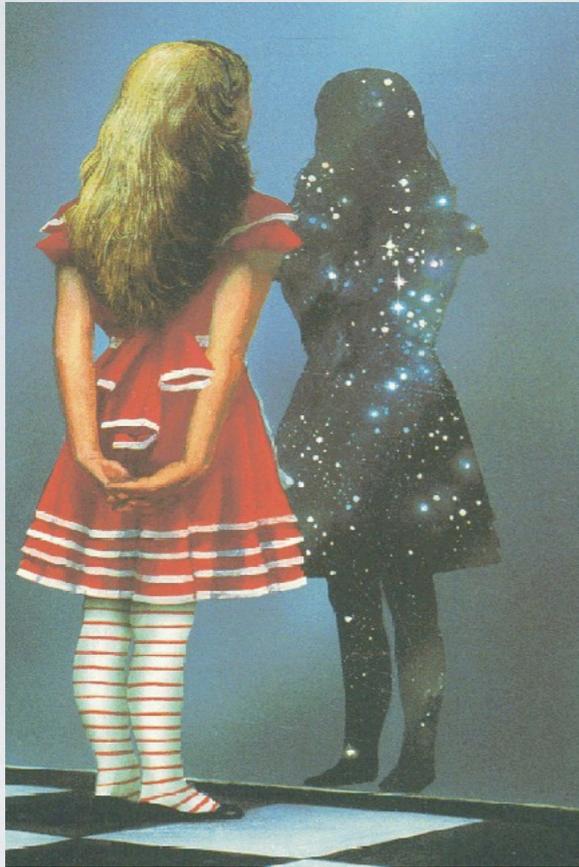


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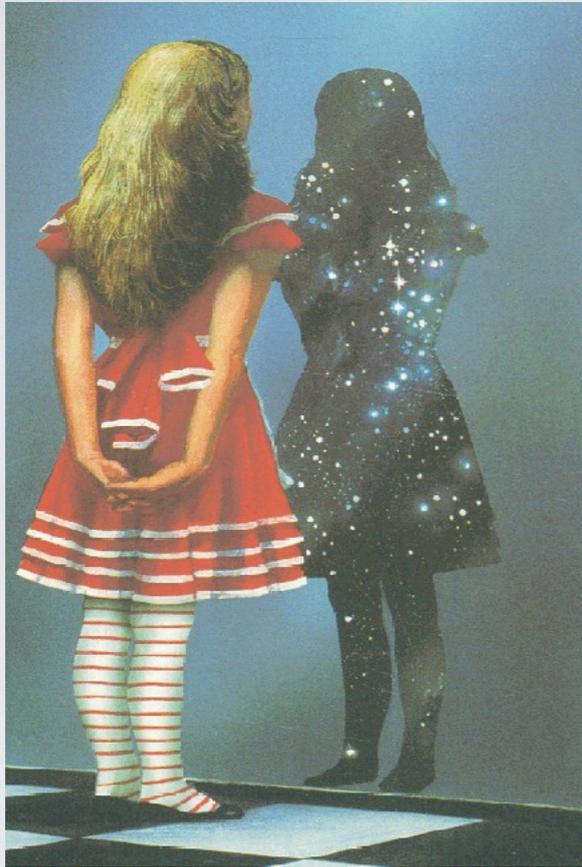


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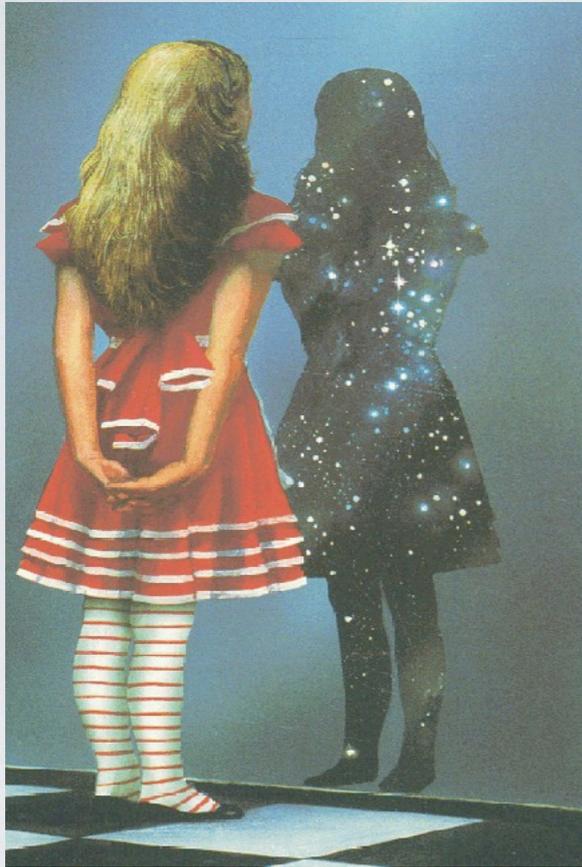
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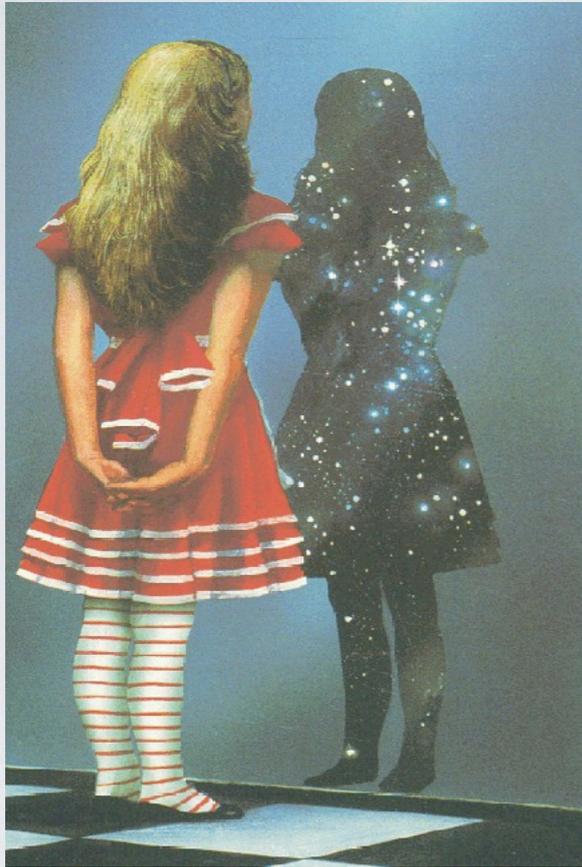
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